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## No time for school

Mired in poverty, Afghan children must labor rather than pursue education

By RAHIM FAIEZ  
Associated Press

Every day before dawn, 10-year-old Kamran goes to work with his father and other relatives at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul. For Kamran, like many children in Afghanistan, school is a luxury his family can no longer afford. His father, Atiqullah, supports his family of eight as well as several siblings, nieces and nephews. One of Kamran's uncles is ill and another has passed away, leaving their families in his father's care.

"My children wake up early in the morning and right after

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Kamran, 10, works at a brick factory alongside his father and other relatives June 19 outside Kabul, Afghanistan.

RAHMAT GUL/AP

"We always think about our future. We don't know how long we will live with economic problems like this, when we will be able to live our own lives, when we will be able to breathe in freedom. Right now, we live like slaves."

Jan Agha

65-year-old who works alongside children as young as five or six at brick kilns in Afghanistan

## World powers, Iran work to salvage nuclear deal

By Kiyoko Metzler  
Associated Press

VIENNA — Diplomats from Iran and five world powers recommitted Sunday to salvaging a major nuclear deal amid mounting tensions between the West and Tehran since the U.S. withdrew from the accord and reimposed sanctions.

Representatives of Iran, Germany, France, Britain, China, Russia and



Araghchi

the European Union met in Vienna to discuss the 2015 agreement that restricts the Iranian nuclear program. "The atmosphere was constructive, and the discussions were good," Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi told reporters after the meeting ended.

"I cannot say that we resolved everything" but all the parties are still "determined to save this deal," he added.

Fu Cong, the head of Chinese delegation, said that while there were "some tense moments" during the meeting, "on the whole, the atmosphere was very good. Friendly. And it was very professional."

Both diplomats said there was a general agreement to organize a higher-level meeting of foreign ministers soon, but also that preparations for such a summit needed to be done well. A date has not been set.

Iran is pressuring the remaining parties to the deal to offset the sanctions President Donald Trump reinstated after pulling out. The country recently surpassed the uranium stockpile and enrichment limits set out in the agreement, saying the action could be reversed if the other parties came up with economic incentives.

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## EUROPE

# 101 years later, Union vet gets gravestone

Marker dedicated to Civil War soldier in London cemetery

By CHRISTOPHER DENNIS  
Stars and Stripes

LONDON — A lone bugler played taps on Saturday in a London cemetery as, more than 100 years after his death, a soldier who fought in the U.S. Civil War was honored with a headstone dedicated to his memory.

Seth Watson Herrick served in the 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry for three years during the War Between the States.

Born in Maine in 1834, he enlisted in the Union Army when he was 27 and rose through the ranks to become a major. After the war, he moved to the U.K., became a British subject and died a poor man 101 years ago.

When Herrick was buried at Hendon Cemetery in north London in 1918, no headstone was erected to mark his final resting place. On Saturday, that was put right with the dedication of a simple gravestone, provided by the Veterans' Affairs Administration in Washington.

Among the dozens who attended the ceremony were Lt. Col. Jesse F. Moore, assistant Army attaché from the U.S. Embassy in London; the mayor of the London borough of Barnet, Reuben Thompson; British amateur historian Michael Hammerson, who found Herrick's grave and was instrumental in arranging for a headstone to be erected; and



PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER DENNIS/Stars and Stripes

Matthew O'Neill, left, camp commander for Ensign John Davis Camp 10 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presents Robert Herrick with a U.S. flag Saturday during a ceremony to dedicate a gravestone to Herrick's great-grandfather, American Civil War veteran Maj. Seth Herrick, in north London.

Herrick's great-grandson, Robert Herrick.

"It was a real honor to have my great-grandfather remembered in this way by this group of people," said Herrick, who traveled from California to attend the ceremony.

Herrick knew his great-grandfather was buried in London but didn't know exactly where until Hammerson contacted him to say he had found Maj. Herrick's burial place. Hammerson has spent years studying Britons who fought in America's Civil War and

has located hundreds of veterans' graves in England, Scotland and Wales. Only about 20% of the burial places have commemorative headstones, he said.

In 2015, Hammerson found the grave in north London of a U.S. Medal of Honor recipient, Maurice Wagg, and arranged for a headstone to be erected at the unmarked site where his body had lain for nearly a century.

Hammerson also found the burial place of German-born American Adam Worth, who, after being erroneously reported

as killed in action, left the army for a life of crime. Worth ended up in London, where he died and was buried in a mass pauper's grave in Highgate Cemetery.

The grave of Ferdinand Thomas Barzetti, who fought under a false name so his mother wouldn't know he'd enlisted, was also identified by Hammerson, as were the graves of two soldiers who fought in black regiments and four women who served as nurses in America's bloodiest conflict.

Herrick's grave was the 250th that Hammerson has located.



A portrait show Maj. Seth Watson Herrick who served in the 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry during the Civil War.

"I managed to get hold of a copy of Maj. Herrick's pension file and it had a claim for the funeral that said where the burial was," Hammerson explained. "In most cases, it is nowhere that easy."

Historians estimate that up to 50,000 men from England, Scotland and Wales served in the Civil War, mainly on the Union side.

"One is always pleased ... being able to identify them and let the local community know," Hammerson said. "On the whole, [the community] seems to be interested to find out that they have a Civil War veteran, and that can be a focus for historical and educational activities."

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## EUROPE

# Foreign Legion snipers take top honors

## French marksmen win in competition of US Army Europe

By MARTIN EGNASH  
Stars and Stripes

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — After a week of grueling physical tests and precision marksmanship, sharpshooters of the French Foreign Legion emerged as the winners of the U.S. Army's 2019 European Best Sniper Team Competition.

More than 30 teams from 17 countries participated in the annual competition, hosted by the U.S. and Latvian armies.

The teams had to hike 12 miles with sniper gear on one of the hottest days on record in Germany. They then had to fire at targets about half a mile away and hit them on the first attempt.

Other challenges included land navigation, in which teams located different objectives hidden in the forest around the base and a stress shoot, in which marksmen engaged several long-range targets in quick succession. One of the more unusual challenges was shooting at targets on an inflatable boat.

That's not something most of the snipers at the competition are used to doing, said Spc. Alex Stoyonovich with the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

"It's definitely a lot more complicated than just lying down and shooting targets," said Stoyonovich, whose team did hit most of the targets on the boat on the first shot. "This is by far the best training we could possibly have."

Besides putting marksmen from each country through these tests, the competition served as a way for the sniper community to share techniques, the Army said in a statement Thursday.

Spc. Maxwell Kelley, who usually acts as an opposing force against allied troops going through the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, said he's learned a lot from the more experienced snipers from other countries at the competition, including Turkish snipers who recently returned from a combat assignment in Syria.

"I'm still a relatively young sniper. Some of these guys have been doing this for 10 (to) 15 years, so there's a lot I've been able to learn from them," Kelley said.

While the three U.S. teams shot well during the competition, they lost points during the sweltering 12-mile hike as many of the European teams finished ahead of them.

A team from the French Foreign Legion's elite 13th Half-Brigade won. Rounding out the top five teams were the Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia and last year's winner, Sweden.

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PHOTOS BY MARTIN EGNASH/Stars and Stripes

Spanish soldiers set up their position to engage targets during one of the events at the 2019 European Best Sniper Team Competition at Grafenwoehr, Germany, on Thursday.



Above: Pistol shooting was part of the competition.

Left: Sgt. Leon Boudreaux, spots a target while Spc. Maxwell Kelley fires.

Bottom left: Soldiers from several countries test out different sniper rifles during one of the events at the sniper competition.

Bottom right: The French Foreign Legion sniper team accepts its plaque and awards from U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason Sypherd, left.



## MILITARY

# Revised crash site guidelines benefit Japanese officials

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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*Stars and Stripes*

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The U.S. and Japanese governments have revised their off-base U.S. military crash site guidelines to allow early access for Japanese officials.

The new guidelines, which are now in effect, were announced Thursday evening in a statement by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In addition to allowing government representatives or first responders "expeditiously" early entry into the inner cordon, the new guidelines also require U.S. forces to provide relevant information on hazardous materials "as soon as practically possible," coordinate with landowners when wreckage removal could negatively affect the underlying property and share results from environmental surveys.

Japanese officials still need U.S. consent to enter off-base mishap sites, the guidelines state. "We welcome Japan's efforts to improve this process with U.S. forces," U.S. Forces Japan commander Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider said in a statement Friday morning. "These revised guidelines will enable the alliance partners to respond more quickly, improve our interoperability and strengthen our overall capabilities."

"Interoperability" is an oft-used term describing the ability of a nation's armed forces to use the training methods and military equipment of another.

Calls for change have been the loudest in recent years from the southern island prefecture of Okinawa, which hosts a large U.S. military presence.

Local officials protested after a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing made an emergency landing in a farmer's field outside the Northern Training Area following an in-flight fire on Oct. 11, 2017. There were no injuries, but the aircraft was a total loss.

Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki — who was elected last fall on an anti-base platform — credited Okinawan officials Thursday for successfully lobbying for the revisions after the Super Stallion incident, yet he remained skeptical about their potency.

"Although the revisions say that U.S. authorities, Government of Japan authorities or local authorities will conduct environmental surveys, the results will be shared within the [Japan-U.S. Joint Committee], however, committee meeting minutes are not disclosed," Tamaki said in a

statement. "I am not sure if the survey results will be released to the public."

Tamaki said he would closely observe any incidents to see if Japanese officials are in fact granted expeditions early entry. "All together we will examine the revisions carefully and ask (the) central government if we have questions," he said.

The previous "Guidelines Regarding Off-Base U.S. Military Aircraft Accidents in Japan" were established on April 1, 2005, in the aftermath of the August 2004 crash of a Marine Corps CH-53D Sea Stallion on the Okinawa International

**'These revised guidelines will enable the alliance partners to respond more quickly ... and strengthen our overall capabilities.'**

**Air Force Lt. Gen. Kevin Schneider**  
USFJ commander

University campus, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs statement said.

They allowed U.S. military personnel to enter public or private property in the event of a crash or emergency landing by Japanese officials. Local authorities later complained they were kept from entering sites and that pertinent information was withheld.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono told reporters Thursday evening it took six days for Japanese authorities to access the 2017 site, according to a separate ministry statement. "It won't take that long in the future," he said.

Kono said he began working on the revisions in April during bilateral discussions.

"Of course, having no accidents is most important, but this revision will improve the process if any accidents happen in the future," he said, according to the statement. "We believe that by solving each subject like this, (it) will reduce the burden on Okinawa."

Okinawan prefectural officials said in April that European countries such as the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Belgium all have stricter control over U.S. military forces operating in their countries. British police controlled the crash site of an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter in January 2014, for example.

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The HMAS Adelaide transits the Tasman Sea during exercise Talisman Sabre on July 11. The ship's commanding officer and a U.S. Marine aboard during the exercise share the same last name.

## US, Australian servicemembers bond at Talisman Sabre over shared name

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
*Stars and Stripes*

ABOARD THE HMAS ADELAIDE — On his second day getting acquainted with the Australian crew of the HMAS Adelaide as part of Talisman Sabre 2019, 1st Lt. Josh Ley was thrown into the ring.

Suddenly, the U.S. Marine from Ohio was leading intelligence operations on the Royal Australian Navy's largest warship — and he had to brief the ship's commanding officer, he recently told Stars and Stripes.

"I didn't really know what to expect," Ley said. "But bumping in, I was really intertwined with them right away."

When he saw the name "Ley" embroidered on the tape over the Australian captain's left breast pocket, the tension eased.

"He looks at me, and we step into the hallway and he goes, 'I'm Jonathan Ashley,' and I'm like, 'I'm Joshua Aaron,'" Ley said. "It was one of the most surreal moments."

Both J.A. Leys were amused by the coincidence. Capt. Jonathan Ley said the two discussed their lineages and are planning to research to see whether there are any relations.

"I know the Ley name comes from a region in the U.K. where

the Mayflower sailed from," Jonathan Ley said, offering a possible hint to their ancestry.

What's more is that after a promotion, Marine 1st Lt. J.A. Ley will become

Capt. J.A. Ley, matching his name twin's title as well.

Josh Ley said it was just an example of the hospitality he's experienced while embedding

with the Australians during the monthlong Talisman Sabre exercise — that

brought together 34,000 troops of the two nations, as well as Canada, Japan, the U.K. and New Zealand.

"Coming on board, you never know what to expect when working with partner nations," Josh Ley said. "But the respect and the professionalism and the work ethic is

very similar to Americans in that we work hard and take it very seriously."

As the intel operations officer, Lt. Josh Ley said he oversees a joint team of Marine and Australian Defence Force intelligence personnel analysts.

"We track and figure out what the enemy's doing, where he's located and what he intends to do," the American Ley said.

He said Talisman Sabre and his six weeks spent on the Adelaide have been a lessons in overcoming barriers.

"It's more than just putting out good intelligence products for the exercise — we're learning about the process," Ley said. "How do we communicate? How do we work across the barriers when we don't understand each other?"

The bond between the cross-national cohorts developed during the exercise extended outside work hours as well — thanks in part to the lieutenant and captain's fluke connection.

"It's funny, all the Aussies around here call me like, 'Oh, Joshua Aaron! Joshua Aaron!' and it's a thing now. 'Oh, the other J.A. Ley on the boat,'" Josh Ley said. "It's pretty neat."

"It was a small coincidence, but the Aussies have been so welcoming."

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Joshua Ley



Jonathan Ley

## Iraq War vet elected chief of Purple Heart order

*Stars and Stripes*

The Military Order of the Purple Heart elected its first post-9/11 combat-wounded veteran as commander during its national convention earlier this month.

Felix Garcia, a medically retired Marine who lives in Sugar Land, Texas, was chosen during the convention, held July 8-12 in Branson, Mo., according to a statement from the organization.

Garcia, who joined the Marine Corps in 1992, received three Purple Hearts for wounds sus-

tained during combat in two tours in Iraq. He served as a squad leader and a platoon sergeant in 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during the invasion and the subsequent push on Fallujah in 2004, the statement said.

During the Battle of Fallujah, he received shrapnel wounds and a concussion from a roadside bomb. A few months later, he was hit again by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade, resulting in traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

He was awarded the Navy Com-

mendation Medal for Valor.

Garcia was medically retired from the Marine Corps in June 2006.

The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is "to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives and, most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families," according to the group's website.

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## MILITARY

# “just really love America”

## Marine veteran, 97, recalls benefits of life of military service, persistence

By MARA KLECKER  
Minneapolis Star Tribune

**B**uttoned up in dress blues, June Fremont was treated like a celebrity at the annual Marine Corps birthday ball near Washington in 2017. The still-visible bruise on her right hand is proof of the hundreds of handshakes she received that night, many from young female Marines thanking her for her example and inspiration.

That same hand, Fremont will proudly tell you, shook Eleanor Roosevelt's in the 1940s. (If she thinks you're gullible, she might quickly add a line about not washing that hand a single time since.)

“Because of my [military service], I have done so many things I never thought possible,” Fremont said on a recent afternoon in her apartment at Woodbury Senior Living in Woodbury, Minn., once again donning her dress blues, still a perfect fit.

Fremont will turn 98 on Aug. 20, which isn't as unusual as it might seem. According to the Women Marines Association, nearly 60 of the organization's 3,000 members are age 98 or older, including a 102-year-old woman living in Hastings, Minn.

Many of them, like Fremont, joined up during WWII, shortly after the United States Marine Corps authorized a Women's Reserve in 1943.

Spurred by an intense patriotism and desire to help her country during wartime, Fremont (then June Schwark) enlisted in the Marine Corps that year. She was 21 and living in Chicago.

“I picked it because it was the hardest for a woman to get into,” she said.

### Numbers increase

By the end of the war in 1945, more than 18,000 female Marines had served, including 820 officers. The women served in noncombat roles and worked primarily in clerical positions. In 1950, however — two years after women were made a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps through the Women's Armed Services Integration Act — the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was mobilized for the Korean War.

The military “taught me to be persistent, and I became much more aware of the world,” Fremont said.

At the time she enlisted, Fremont didn't know any other young women joining the Marines. She'd heard stories of her father's experiences in WWI but didn't know what service would look like for her.

Once she got to boot camp at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, however, Fremont quickly realized she was at least more



RENEE JONES SCHNEIDER, MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/TNS

June Fremont, 97, who spent three years in the Marines, poses for a photo in one of her old uniforms at her home on July 3 in Woodbury, Minn.

**“(Military service) meant being a part of the United States. It meant being acknowledged that we women could do more than sit there like bumps on a pickle.”**

June Fremont  
Marine Corps veteran

prepared than her bunkmate. A New York debutante, the woman had shown up to the barracks wearing heels, a short skirt and a fur jacket. Fremont lent the woman a few of her own clothes so she could navigate the obstacle course in something other than a skirt.

As Fremont remembers it, that course was the same as the men's.

“Boot camp was a very strict place,” she said as she flipped through an album of black-and-white photos from her three years in the service. She still remembers how the Browning Automatic Rifle left her shoulder black and blue.

The Marines was the last of the military branches to open its

ranks to women. As the country united around supporting the war effort in multiple ways, seeing women enlist became more and more accepted.

Still, Fremont remembers the many times she was assumed to be a nurse. When she and a group of other women Marines were sent to Hawaii, each had to take a lower rank so as not to offend the lower-ranked men who'd landed on the island after fighting in the Pacific theater.

“It didn't bother me, really,” she said. “I understood it. It was so there'd be no resentment. Here were these guys who were still privates who would come across women with all this rank. No way.”

In Hawaii, Fremont was parad-

ed around the island with a few other women for a series of photos used as part of a public relations campaign designed to attract more women to the Marines.

The photos of the women bowling coconuts on the beach and paddling in a kayak in their swimsuits reveal nothing of the real work the Marines were doing on the island — which for Fremont included data entry on huge IBM computers and driving a Jeep for a general who frequently commented on her “heavy foot.”

Fremont was also stationed at the Pentagon, where she wrote up missing-in-action and killed-in-action presidential citations. She always tried to personalize the form letter that went to the families of fallen soldiers. She'd talk to the pallbearers, often young men who'd served alongside the soldier in the casket, and glean details she could weave into the letter.

“I wanted their families to know if they were a hero or if they'd done something really special,” she said.

### Lee Fremont

Fremont credits many of her life accomplishments to the lessons she brought home from the military. It was the service that introduced her to her late husband, Lee Fremont. Lee, who was in the Army, oversaw the entertainment for the paratroopers at Fort Bragg, N.C. After the couple got out of the service, they moved to St. Paul, Minn., where they raised six children. Once the youngest was old enough to be independent, Fremont started looking for a job.

At 50, she submitted an application to 3M, not expecting to hear back. But she got the job. And kept it — for 43 years.

Fremont, who worked in corporate marketing services, was the oldest employee at the company — a title that earned her attention from the CEO, who flew her out on a private jet to the shareholder's meeting in Austin, Texas, and treated her to a Paul McCartney concert.

Her son, Tom Fremont, said he and his siblings were worried they would retire before she did.

“At 90, she had more energy than we did at 50,” he said. “She didn't need to work, but she's definitely not one to stay idle. She loved the job and her friends there.”

Lee died in 1988. Since retiring, Fremont has kept busy playing cards in a bridge club and planning family reunions around her birthdays. Her 13 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren (with 31 and 32 on the way) help keep her young too, she said.

Fremont is still fiercely independent. A recent health problem meant a transfer from her town-

house into assisted living, though she still requires little help. She'd planned a trip to France for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Normandy in June but canceled the trip after her health took a brief turn.

While she enjoys the military balls, the honor flights and the anniversary memorials and celebrations, it's the small acts of patriotism that continue to drive her, Fremont said.

“I just really love America,” she said.

She's a stickler for voting and encourages all her friends to vote too. She stays up to date on the news, though she'll admit she doesn't always agree with what's said on TV. Her long list of volunteer positions was also a way to give back to her community — something she has prioritized since her time in the Marines. She's also given several presentations about her time in the military, some to middle-schoolers studying WWII.

“I'd recommend [the military] to anyone,” she said. “It was very good for me. It meant being a part of the United States. It meant being acknowledged that we women could do more than sit there like bumps on a pickle.”

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## MILITARY

# Visiting vets recall Korean War and its armistice

By MATTHEW KEELER  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Dozens of Korean War veterans, including 17 Americans, returned to the divided peninsula to commemorate the 66th anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting between the U.S.-backed South and its communist rivals in the North.

Dick Munson, 87, who was visiting South Korea from Ely, Nev., recalled learning about the armistice while he was at his post called Christmas Hill near the front lines on July 27, 1953.

"I was thinking about the anniversary of the signing of the armistice and excited to be here for that," he said in an interview before a ceremony Saturday in Seoul. "Those of us serving up there called it Christmas in July."

South Korea's Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs hosted Munson and more than 100 other veterans and family members from 16 nations to express the South's appreciation for the sacrifices made during the three-year war.

During the six-day revisit program that began Tuesday, the vets participated in numerous cultural events and tours, including a trip to the truce village of Panmunjom and other sites in the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone.

They also laid white flowers on the headstones of fallen servicemen at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in the southern city of Busan.

They were welcomed with a standing ovation and honored during the annual United Nations Forces participation day ceremony in Seoul, which was broadcast on national TV.

That event was also attended by South Korean Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon, the commander of United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea Gen. Robert Abrams, and Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Michael Bills.

"These brave soldiers endured combat, which often had them outnumbered and



MATTHEW KEELER/Stars and Stripes

**Korean War veteran Theodore Trousdale Jr., shown at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan, South Korea, on Thursday, was among 17 American veterans who visited South Korea to commemorate the signing of the armistice that ended the fighting in Korea.**

underequipped. Still they resisted, driven by the will to protect the freedoms that we all cherish," Abrams said in opening remarks. "They faced the toughest imaginable conditions — freezing winters, sweltering summers and unforgiving terrain."

Eighteen countries, including the United States and South Korea, joined the war under the umbrella of the U.S.-led United Nations Command after North Korea invaded the South on June 25, 1950.

Hostilities ceased when the armistice was signed in Panmunjom by a U.S. general representing the UNC and a North Korean general representing his country and its ally China. The nations remain technically at war to this day since they failed to agree on a peace treaty.

The UNC also held a ceremony at the Joint Security Area in the DMZ that divides the peninsula.

## 'Coming back is closure'

The 17 American veterans who made the trip had varying motives for joining the Cold War conflict, which is often known as the Forgotten War because it was sandwiched between World War II and Vietnam.

Many simply didn't have a choice, while others passed up life-changing opportunities to head the call to go to war.

Munson was drafted at age 19 and served the last 10 months of the war as an infantryman with both the 45th and 2nd Infantry Divisions.

"Coming back is closure," he said.

"It is so good to come back and see the progress of this wonderful nation," he said. "It makes me almost feel it was worth it."

Jim Judge, 86, said he was eager to go to war and gave up a potential professional baseball career with the Boston Red Sox to

enlist. The Boston native joined the Marine Corps at age 17 and spent all of 1952 on the Korean Peninsula as a machine-gunner.

"I was expected to only last seven minutes out on the battlefield," he said, jokingly.

Although Judge exceeded expectations in his first day on the job, he described a close call he had with enemy fire during an observe and capture mission.

"While I was digging a hole, I heard a cling. I think someone is shooting at me," he said. "I picked my pack up, got down behind a hill and I looked at the pack — it had a bullet hole. I opened my pack and my metal mess kit had been hit."

## Back-to-back tours

The ability to serve and live to tell war stories is rewarding on its own, but another vet managed to survive two tours with two different branches of service.

Theodore Trousdale Jr., 88, of Melbourne, Fla., was 19 years old and enrolled in the Army ROTC program at the University of Florida when the war broke out.

Trousdale said he knew he was about to be drafted, so he joined the Army and found himself in Korea in 1951 as a combat medic providing treatment for countless casualties.

Following completion of his first tour, he joined the Navy as what was known then as a frogman, or a trained combat diver, and served a second tour onboard a submarine in 1952 until the end.

"We would come ashore into North Korea along the Sea of Japan and the China Sea at night and set off demolition on railroad tunnels," he said. "We had to get back into the rubber raft and get back onto the submarine before dawn."

Trousdale first returned to South Korea in 1998, returning again 21 years later. "It's been wonderful," he said. "The Korean people are really appreciative of all we did for them. They have really honored us the best way they could."

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## New leader of Naval Academy cites priorities

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The new superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy says infrastructure and preventing sexual assault are two of the top challenges facing the institution.

The Capital newspaper reported that Vice Adm. Sean Buck said infrastructure must improve to meet modern technological demands and rising tides on the Severn River.

He also said the prevention and elimination of sexual assault and harassment remain at the forefront of his mind. In the 2017-18 school year, there were 32 reports of sexual assault, the highest number in more than a decade.

Buck relieved the former superintendent, Vice Adm. Walter "Ted" Carter, at a ceremony at the academy Friday.

Carter is set to retire as one of the longest-serving superintendents in the school's history. He was superintendent for more than five years.

Naval Academy infrastructure must improve to meet modern technological demands and rising Severn tides," Buck said.



KEN-YON HARDY/Stars and Stripes

**Outgoing Naval Academy superintendent Vice Adm. Walter E. "Ted" Carter speaks during a change of command ceremony at the academy Friday in Annapolis, Md.**

"The prevention and elimination of sexual assault and sexual harassment remains at the forefront of my mind."

Last year the Navy said it would raise a sea wall by 2.62 feet to prevent damage from sea level rise. The academy formed a Sea Level Rise Council in 2015.

## Plan halted to house migrant kids at Oklahoma Army base

By KEN MILLER  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Trump administration no longer needs to detain migrant children at an Oklahoma Army base and preparations to house them there have stopped, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement.

"Over the last several weeks, HHS has experienced a decrease in Department of Homeland Security referrals of unaccompanied alien children (UAC)," said Evelyn Stauffer, spokeswoman for the agency's Administration for Children and Families. "Additionally, HHS has been placing UAC with sponsors at a historically high rate. As such, the UAC Program does not have an immediate need to place children in (holding) facilities."

Stauffer, who did not immediately reply to messages seeking further information, said no children have been held at the base at Lawton, about 80 miles southwest of Oklahoma City.

Homeland Security officials said earlier this month there was a 28% drop in the number of migrants encountered by Customs and Border Protection in June amid a

crackdown on migrants by Mexico.

There were 104,344 migrants in June, down from 144,278 the month before. Homeland Security officials said the numbers of single adults, families and unaccompanied minors at the border had all declined.

Dream Action Oklahoma, which helped organize a rally and march of an estimated 400 people to Fort Sill earlier this month to protest plans to use the base, said they were pleased by the announcement.

Japanese Americans and Native Americans were among those who took part in last weekend's march and rally in front of one of the entrances to Fort Sill, where hundreds of Japanese and Japanese American people were detained by the federal government during World War II.

Fort Sill also housed migrant children in 2014 under the Obama administration and was used to hold Apache prisoners of war from 1894 to 1910.

Donelle Harder, a spokeswoman for Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt, said the White House notified Stitt of the change of plans Friday and said the base could still be used for temporary housing in the future.



## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Syrian rebel town pounded; at least 11 killed in strike

By SARAH EL DEEB  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — A Syrian government airstrike hit a busy open-air market in the country's north-west on Saturday, killing at least 11 people, most of them children, according to activists. The town of Ariha has been particularly targeted over the last week as the government escalates its offensive against the country's last rebel stronghold.

The airstrike in Ariha left an 18-month-old girl with an amputated leg, according to Dr. Mohammad Abrashi, a surgeon and chief

of Idlib's central hospital. He said the girl's father and brother died in the bombing, while her mother is in the intensive care unit in the bed opposite her with a chest injury and internal bleeding in the head.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, and another activist collective called Ariha Today said most of those killed were children. Ariha Today named six children under the age of 14 who it said were killed in the airstrike.

Ariha has been repeatedly targeted over the past week as Syria's government looks to regain



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE WHITE HELMETS/AP

**A Syrian man carries an injured girl after an airstrike hit the northern town of Ariha, in Idlib province, Syria, on Saturday.**

momentum in its stalled offensive. It is one of the main towns in Idlib province, which along with the surrounding rural areas of Hama province are home to 3 million people.

Separately, local doctors said two medics and an ambulance

driver were killed when an airstrike targeted their vehicle in Kar Zita, a town on the front line in Hama province, at the edge of the rebel stronghold.

Ghayath, an activist in Ariha who gave only his first name out of fear for his safety, said the

strike hit the town during the busy weekly bazaar when people come to buy food and other necessities. He said the death toll could have been higher if it were not for the warning from the local civilian defense team against large gatherings.

## Blast, gunbattle at Afghan VP candidate's office kill at least 2

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The political offices of the Afghan president's running mate were hit by a large explosion and stormed by an unknown number of attackers, Afghan officials said Sunday.

The attack in the capital, Kabul, killed at least two people and came on the first day of campaigning for presidential elections, scheduled for late September.

Nasrat Rahimi, the Interior Ministry spokesman, said the attack targeted the Green Trend

party headquarters in the Afghan capital, Kabul, but denied reports that vice presidential candidate Amrullah Saleh was wounded in the attack.

Ferdous Faramarz, the spokesman for Kabul's police chief, said the explosion was likely a suicide car bomb and that the gunfight was still ongoing.

At least two people were killed and 25 wounded, according to Wahidullah Mayar, the Health Ministry spokesman.

The blast was large enough to be heard throughout the capital.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack in Kabul, but both Taliban insurgents and Islamic State are active in the capital and have carried out attacks in the past.

President Ashraf Ghani is seeking a second term on promises of ending the 18-year war but has been largely sidelined over the past year as the U.S. has negotiated directly with the Taliban.

The Taliban, who effectively control about half of the country, have continued to carry out daily attacks on Afghan security forces.

Elsewhere, a Taliban suicide bomber killed four police early Sunday in an attack on a police station in the eastern Ghazni province, according to Ahmad Khan Serat, a spokesman for the provincial police.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who is currently visiting Kabul, has held several rounds of talks with the Taliban in recent months in a bid to end America's longest war.

The two sides appear to be closing in on an agreement in which

the U.S. would withdraw its forces in return for a pledge from the Taliban to keep the country from being used as a launch pad for global attacks.

The Taliban and ISIS are sharply divided over ideology and tactics, with the Taliban largely confining their attacks to government targets and Afghan and international security forces. The Taliban and ISIS have fought each other on a number of occasions, and the Taliban are still the larger and more imposing force.

## School: Official says more than half of Afghans live on less than \$1 a day

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prayers they come here for work, so they don't have time for school," said Atiqullah, who like many Afghans has only one name. "These days, if you don't work, you can't survive."

The U.S. and its allies have sunk billions of dollars of aid into Afghanistan since the invasion to oust the Taliban 18 years ago, but the country remains mired in poverty. Signs of hardship are everywhere, from children begging in the streets to entire families — including children as young as 5 or 6 — working at brick kilns in the scorching heat.

Atiqullah's family comes from the ancient Nangarhar province, a stronghold for both the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate that has seen heavy fighting in recent years.

Brick factory owners travel to the villages and offer loans to cover basic necessities, forcing families to work them off during the summer months in a form of

indentured servitude. Workers say a family of 10 can bring in an average of \$12 to \$18 a day, depending on their productivity.

Shubham Chaudhuri, who recently completed a three-year stint as the World Bank country director for Afghanistan, said more than half of Afghans live on less than a dollar a day, the amount considered necessary to meet basic needs.

"Even more striking was the fact that almost three-quarters of the population was close to that level. So I think the state of poverty in Afghanistan today is that it is deep and it is widespread," he said.

A U.N. report released last year said more than 2 million Afghan children aged 6-14 were engaged in some form of child labor. Laws governing child labor in Afghanistan are poorly enforced, especially in rural areas.

Afghanistan's economy grew by just 2% last year, the slowest rate in South Asia, held back by the lin-



RAHMAT GUL/UP

**Afghan day laborers work at a brick factory on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, last month.**

gering conflict, drought and endemic corruption. The watchdog Transparency International regularly rates Afghanistan among the most corrupt countries in the world. Much of the international aid has ended up in the hands of former warlords who live in gated compounds, cruise around in motorcades and stash their fortunes in the Gulf.

Widespread misery and anger at the country's elites has added fuel to the conflict and swelled

the ranks of the Taliban, who now effectively control about half the country. The insurgents have held several rounds of talks with the United States in recent months, aiming for a deal in which foreign forces would withdraw.

A World Bank report released last week said a political settlement with the Taliban could boost the economy by encouraging the return of capital and skilled workers from overseas — but only if the security situation improves.

## UK: Soldier in Syria killed by friendly fire

Associated Press

LONDON — Officials say a British special forces soldier who died fighting Islamic State in Syria was killed by friendly fire rather than by a roadside bomb as previously believed.

Sgt. Matt Tonroe died in March 2018 alongside U.S. commando Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar while on a joint operation in Manbij, northern Syria, with American special forces. The Pentagon had said they died from improvised explosive devices. But investigators have concluded that Tonroe, 33, was killed by an explosive carried by a colleague.

Britain's Defense Ministry said Saturday that while "it was initially believed that Sgt. Tonroe was killed by enemy action," a subsequent investigation concluded he was killed by "the accidental detonation of explosives carried by coalition forces."

## MIDEAST

# Taliban rebut talk of negotiation with Afghan government

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official said Sunday that the government would hold its first direct talks with the Taliban within two weeks, but the insurgents quickly denied any such meeting was planned and reiterated their opposition to negotiating with government representatives in their official capacity.

The Taliban have been holding peace talks with the United States for nearly a year but have refused to recognize the Kabul government, viewing it as an American puppet.

Abdul Salam Rahimi, Afghanistan's state minister for peace affairs, said that a 15-member government delegation will meet with the Taliban in Europe, without elaborating.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said "there has been no agreement on such a meeting and that has not been coordinated with Taliban." He said that once the insurgents reach an agreement with the U.S., they would be open to intra-Afghan talks, but any government representatives would have to participate in a personal capacity.

U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, who is currently visiting Kabul, appears to share that position. He tweeted that another round of "intra-Afghan" talks would occur "after we conclude our own agreements." He said it would include

the Taliban and "an inclusive and effective national negotiating team consisting of senior government officials, key political party representatives, civil society and women."

Sunday marked the first day of campaigning for presidential elections scheduled for Sept. 28. President Ashraf Ghani is seeking a second term on promises of ending the 18-year war but has been largely sidelined over the past year as the U.S. has negotiated directly with the Taliban. The two sides are aiming for an agreement in which American forces would withdraw in exchange for guarantees that Afghanistan will not be a launch pad for international terrorist attacks.

The Taliban, who effectively control around half the country, have continued to carry out daily attacks on Afghan security forces.

A Taliban suicide bomber killed four police early Sunday in an attack on a police station in the eastern Ghazni province, according to Ahmad Khan Serat, a spokesman for the provincial police. He said 10 other police were wounded.

Elsewhere in Ghazni, a roadside bomb killed three civilians and wounded three others, Serat said. No one claimed the attack.

Civilians are often killed or maimed by bombs targeting security forces.



RAHMAN GUL/AP

Security personnel arrive at the site of an attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday. An official said a large explosion had occurred on the first day of campaigning for presidential elections.



RONALD ZAK/AP

European Union political director Helga Schmid, front left, and Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, front right, await the start of talks in Vienna, Austria, on Sunday aimed at salvaging the nuclear deal between Iran and other countries.

## Powers: Talks aimed at salvaging nuclear deal with Iran are held amid Gulf tensions

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Experts warn that higher enrichment level and a growing uranium stockpile narrow the one-year window that Iran would need to have enough material to make an atomic bomb, something Iran denies it wants but that the deal prevented.

So far, neither Iran's announcement that it exceeded the amount of low-enriched uranium allowed under the deal nor its revelation it had begun enriching uranium past the 3.67% purity allowed, to 4.5%, are seen as violations likely to prompt the European parties to invoke a dispute resolution mechanism.

Both of Iran's actions were verified by the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

At the Sunday meeting, Fu said, the Europeans urged Iran to come back to full compliance and Iran urged the European Union, France, Britain and Germany to implement their part of the deal.

Fu said all sides expressed strong opposition against the unilateral imposition of sanctions by the U.S., especially the extraterritorial application of the sanctions. They also voiced support for China's efforts to maintain normal trade and oil relations with Iran, Fu added.

In addition to trade with China, Iran is especially keen on the activation of a barter-type system set up by the Europeans that would allow the continent's businesses to trade with Tehran without violating the U.S. sanctions.

Araghchi said the European system was "not functioning yet, but it is in its final stages."

In the meantime, Iran has taken increasingly provocative actions against ships in the Gulf, including seizing a British tanker and downing a U.S. drone. The U.S. has expanded its military presence in the region, and fears are growing of a wider conflict.

A Royal Navy warship arrived Sunday in the Gulf to accompany British-flagged ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz. Britain's Ministry of Defense said the HMS Duncan will join the Frigate HMS Montrose in the Gulf to defend freedom of navigation until a diplomatic resolution is found to secure the key waterway again.

Trump pulled the U.S. out of the nuclear deal last year unilaterally, saying he wanted to negotiate a better one.

Under the provisions of the accord, signatories provided Iran with economic sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on the country's nuclear program, but the latest U.S. sanctions have highlighted the inability of the Europeans, as well as Russia and China, to keep up with their commitments.

Iran's recent moves — which it defends as permissible after the U.S. withdrawal — are seen as a way to force the others to openly confront the sanctions. At the same time, Europe is under pressure from the U.S. to abandon the Iran nuclear accord entirely and is also being squeezed by Iran to offset the ever-crippling effects of American economic sanctions.

## Israel, US: Defense system test successful

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel and the United States say they have successfully tested a jointly developed missile defense system in Alaska.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a Cabinet

meeting Sunday that the Arrow 3 gives his country the "ability to act against ballistic missiles fired against us from Iran and from any other location."

The U.S. Missile Defense Agency says in a statement that Arrow 3's interception of a missile outside the atmosphere is a "major

milestone" in its development.

Arrow 3, along with the Iron Dome, David's Sling and the Arrow 2 systems, is part of the multi-layered shield Israel is developing to defend against rockets fired from Gaza and Lebanon, as well as Iran's long-range missiles.



## NATION

# 1 killed, 11 hurt as gunfire erupts at Brooklyn event

By MALLIKA SEN  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Late night gunfire at a large, outdoor event in Brooklyn, N.Y., killed one man, wounded 11 others and sent hundreds and perhaps thousands of people running for cover.

The shooting erupted just as the crowd at the annual Old Times Event in the Brownsville neighborhood was beginning to disperse Saturday, witnesses said.

"There were a lot of people just chilling and having a good time," Kaseem Collins, 19, told the Daily News. Then, when shots rang out, "we all started running," he said. "I ran as fast as I could away from everyone. I thought I was going to get shot."

The New York Police Department believes two shooters were involved in the gunfire. NYPD Commissioner James O'Neill said the shooting "was a tragic end to a wonderful weekend."

Thousands of people and more than 100 officers had spent Friday and Saturday at the annual celebration.

Police officials said investiga-

tors were still canvassing the scene. One gun has been recovered, but no arrests have been made. Authorities are asking anyone with cellphone video or other information to get in touch.

"I heard shots and I saw a stampede running toward me," Diamond Perez, 38, told the newspaper.

**'I heard shots and I saw a stampede running toward me.'**

**Diamond Perez**  
event attendee

O'Neill told NY1 that 12 people were shot but it wasn't clear what led to the gunfire.

A 38-year-old man died with a single bullet wound to his head, a New York City police spokesman said. His identity was not released.

O'Neill said six of the wounded have been released from the hospital. He did not address the conditions of the five others. Hours earlier, a New York City fire department spokesman said some were in serious condition.



MARK LENNHAN/AP

**A police officer walks by yellow evidence markers Sunday at a playground in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., where one person was killed and at least 11 wounded by gunfire Saturday.**

The police commissioner said 2,000 to 3,000 people were attending the event next to a playground, and that more than 100 police officers were stationed there.

A 2010 newsletter from the parks department described the Old Times Event as a celebration of former members of the Brownsville Recreation Center "who went on to success and fame in sports and other endeavors." It said the event has grown over the years to include concerts and other features.

Mayor Bill de Blasio tweeted early Sunday that the shooting "shattered a peaceful neighborhood event."

"One of the worst experiences of my life," City Council Member Alicka Amprey-Samuel tweeted. "How does such a beautiful and peaceful event become overshadowed by tragedy in seconds?"

"It was chaos," Gary Miller, 60, a vendor at the event, told the New York Post. "Shots rang out and

the crowd was already dispersing, and you heard about nine to 11 shots, and everyone was running and scattering for cover."

Videos posted on social media showed police clearing large groups of people out of the area around the recreation center following the shooting. Photos from local news outlets showed several people taken from the scene on stretchers, including some with what appeared to be minor wounds.

By midmorning Sunday, the area was cordoned off with police tape. Litter was strewn about the grounds.

Brownsville is an east Brooklyn neighborhood that's continued to struggle with gun violence even as New York streets become safer than they have been in decades.

"We will do everything in our power to keep this community safe and get guns off our streets," de Blasio tweeted.

## Chile plant to be grown at space station

Associated Press

ESPAÑOLA, N.M. — It'll be one giant leap for chile-kind.

A hybrid version of a New Mexico chile plant has been selected to be grown in space as part of a NASA experiment.

The chile, from Espanola, N.M., is tentatively scheduled to be launched to the International Space Station for testing in March 2020, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

A NASA group testing how to produce food beyond the Earth's atmosphere and the chile plant was created with input from Jacob Torres — an Espanola native and NASA researcher.

Torres said the point of sending the chiles into space is to demonstrate how NASA's Advanced Plant Habitat — which re-creates environmental needs for plant growth like CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity and lighting — works not only for leafy greens but for fruiting crops, as well.

"Which means that if we do go on a deep-space mission, or we do go to the moon or a mission to Mars, we will have to figure out a way to supplement our diets," he said. "Understanding how to grow plants to supplement the astronaut's diet would be essential to our mission to going to Mars. So that kind of fuels our research that we're doing now."

The "Espanola Improved" chile plant is a cross between a northern New Mexico seed and the popular Sandia seed from the Hatch Valley. It will be the first fruiting plant that the U.S. will grow aboard the ISS.

NASA's astronauts have previously grown greens, and a zinnia bloomed in space in 2016.

Matthew W. Romeyn, NASA's lead scientist on the pepper project, said in an emailed statement that the group chose the Espanola-Sandia hybrid because of the shorter growth cycle as well as its ability to thrive within the smaller confines of the Advanced Plant Habitat. The growth period may be longer in space.

"As a bonus, the Espanola Improved is one of the few chile pepper cultivars from the Hatch Valley that is also regularly consumed red, so we can leave it to the crew to decide if they would like their chile peppers green or to wait for the fruit to fully ripen to red," Romeyn said.

## River a point of pride, risk to Iowa city

Associated Press

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Hundreds of communities line the Mississippi River on its 2,348-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, but Davenport stands out for the simple reason that people there can actually dip their toes in the river without scaling a flood wall, levee or other impediment.

It's a point of pride in Davenport, a city of 100,000 people that calls itself Iowa's front porch and which has repeatedly tolerated the floods that have long since led to all other major riverfront cities to build concrete or dirt walls.

"It's the personality of the community," said Kelli Grubbs, who runs a business a few blocks from the nearly half-mile-wide river.



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

**Kelli Grubbs and her son, Justin, stand in front of a flood-closed craft brewery by their business in Davenport, Iowa, earlier this month. Davenport's easy access to the Mississippi River is a point of pride but poses a risk of flooding.**

"There is just a great love of the river."

That love is being tested this summer after record-setting

floods broke through temporary barriers and for weeks inundated some of Davenport's trendiest restaurants and shops with foul-

smelling water.

Now that the river has finally seeped back to its banks, business owners and city officials are confronting a painful question: Can they still remain connected with the river without being overwhelmed by it?

Davenport is one of the many communities across the nation struggling with their past assumptions about the water.

Even as residents scoff at the prospect of a concrete wall or rocky levee replacing the gently sloping lawn that dips down to the river, they wonder if a downtown that has seen roughly \$500 million in investment in recent years can survive being awash and cut off from the rest of the city so frequently.

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## NATION

# Trump attacks district represented by nemesis

By ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday denigrated a majority-black district represented by a congressional nemesis as a “disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess,” broadening a campaign against prominent critics of his administration that has exacerbated racial tensions.

Trump lashed out in tweets against Rep. Elijah Cummings, the powerful House Oversight Committee chairman, claiming his Baltimore-area district is “considered the worst run and most dangerous anywhere in the United States.” It was the president’s latest assault on a prominent lawmaker and the people he represents two weeks after he sparked nationwide controversy with what were widely regarded as racist tweets directed at four congresswomen of color.

His comments against Cummings, who leads multiple investigations into the president’s governmental dealings, drew swift condemnation from Democrats, including would-be presidential rivals. Statements from a spokesman for the state’s Republican governor and from the lieutenant governor defended Cummings’ district and its people.

Trump called Cummings a “brutal bully” after his public tongue-lashing of top Homeland Security officials over conditions for migrants detained along the southern border.

As proven last week during a Congressional tour, the Border is clean, efficient & well run, just very crowded,” Trump tweeted. “Cummings District is a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess.”

Cummings replied directly to Trump on Twitter, saying, “Mr. President, I go home to my district daily. Each morning, I wake up and I go and fight for my neighbors. It is my constitutional duty to conduct oversight of the Executive Branch. But it is my moral duty to fight for my constituents.”

Cummings has also drawn the president’s ire for investigations touching on his family members serving in the White House. On Thursday his committee voted along party lines to authorize sub-



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Democrats and some Republicans are speaking out in defense of Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., chairman of the House Oversight Committee, after President Donald Trump attacked Cummings and the Baltimore area district he represents in weekend tweets.

## Top aide: President’s criticism not racist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top White House aide defended President Donald Trump’s disparaging tweets about an influential black Democratic congressman and his Baltimore district as a justified response to the lawmaker’s criticism of administration border policies. Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Trump was upset over what he perceives to be inaccurate statements by



Mulvaney

Rep. Elijah Cummings about conditions in which children are being held in detention at the U.S.-Mexico border. Mulvaney told “Fox News Sunday” that “when the president hears

lies like that, he’s going to fight back.”

At a hearing last week, Cummings accused a top administrative official of wrongly calling reports of filthy, overcrowded border facilities “unsubstantiated.”

Mulvaney denied that Trump’s Twitter comments Saturday were racist and said Trump would criticize any lawmaker who spoke unfairly about his policies.

poenas for personal emails and texts used for official business by top White House aides, including Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner.

After spending several hours on his private golf course in Virginia, Trump repeated the attack on Cummings, despite broad criticism from Democrats.

“Elijah Cummings spends all of his time trying to hurt innocent people through ‘Oversight,’” Trump tweeted. “He does NOTHING for his very poor, very

dangerous and very badly run district!”

The latest comments come as Trump has placed racial animus at the center of his reelection campaign, as he believes his inflammatory rhetoric will strengthen his support among the white working class and attract a new group of disaffected voters who fear cultural changes across America.

Cummings’ district is about 55% black and includes a large portion of Baltimore. It is home

to the national headquarters of the NAACP and Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The city has struggled with violent crime, with more than 300 homicides for four years in a row. It has crumbling infrastructure and a police department under federal oversight.

Cummings’ district also extends into Maryland’s Baltimore and Howard counties.

Trump’s attack on Cummings was reminiscent of one

he launched a week before his inauguration on civil rights legend John Lewis, a Democratic congressman from Georgia who questioned the legitimacy of his 2016 election.

Trump tweeted in January 2017 that Lewis “should spend more time on fixing and helping his district, which is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results.”

Earlier this month, the president drew bipartisan condemnation following his call for four Democratic congresswomen of color to get out of the U.S. “right now,” saying if the lawmakers “hate our country,” they can go back to their “broken and crime-infested” countries.

His comments were directed at Reps. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota; Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York; Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts; and Rashida Tlaib, of Michigan. All are American citizens and three of the four were born in the U.S. The Democratic-led U.S. House voted largely along party lines to condemn his “racist comments.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi defended Cummings on Saturday as “a champion in the Congress and the country for civil rights and economic justice, a beloved leader in Baltimore and deeply valued colleague.” She added, “We all reject racist attacks against him and support his steadfast leadership.”

Baltimore Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young fired back at Trump after his attacks, saying he is a “disappointment to the people of Baltimore, our country and to the world.”

“It’s completely unacceptable for the political leader of our country to denigrate a vibrant American City like Baltimore and to viciously attack U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings, a patriot and a hero,” Young said in a statement.

A spokesman for Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, defended the attacks and its residents. In an email, Michael Ricci wrote, “Baltimore City is truly the very heart of our state, and more attacks between politicians aren’t going to get us anywhere.”

## Ariz. state lawmaker blasted for saying US might look like South America

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A veteran Arizona legislator is apologizing while defending herself from criticism for comments she made on immigration and birth rates.

The Phoenix New Times posted audio of a July 15 speech during which state Republican Sen. Sylvia Allen said a flood of immigration and low birth rates among whites amid a lack of cultural assimilation mean “we’re going to look like South American countries very quickly.”



Allen

care and other needs.

“We can’t provide that if people are just flooding us and flood-

ing us and flooding us and overwhelming us,” she said.

Wendy Rogers, a Republican running for the state Senate seat now held by Allen, issued a statement Saturday denouncing Allen’s comments as “very racist” and said Allen should retire from the Legislature.

Democratic state Sen. Martin Quezada told the Arizona Republic that the “tone and perspective” of Allen’s remarks on migrants were “insulting, to say the least.”

The Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee in

a statement compared the comments to those of former Arizona Rep. David Stringer.

In June 2018, the Prescott, Ariz., Republican said “there aren’t enough white kids to go around” in the United States and called immigration “an existential threat.”

Allen, in Facebook posts Friday and Saturday, apologized “to anyone who has been hurt by her words.”

But she said her comments on immigration and birth rates were largely based on research by a re-

spected demographer.

“Sadly, immigration has become a most contentious issue in our country,” she said in one of the posts, mentioning that she supports legal immigration and that her extended family sponsored a Laotian family “and helped them to assimilate into our country.”

Later, in a comment on her Facebook post Saturday, she thanked people who spoke in support and added, “Verbal Lynching is the political tool used today to silence debate on critical issues.”



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## NATION

# US health system not as dire as depicted

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's much-maligned health care system is covering 9 out of 10 people, a fact that hasn't stopped the 2020 presidential candidates from rehashing battles about how to provide coverage, from Bernie Sanders' call for replacing private insurance with a government plan to President Donald Trump's pledge to erase the Affordable Care Act and start over.

The politicians are depicting a system in meltdown. The numbers point to a different story, not as dire and more nuanced.

Government surveys show that about 90% of the population has coverage, largely preserving gains from President Barack Obama's years. Independent experts estimate that more than one-half of the roughly 30 million uninsured people in the country are eligible for health insurance through existing programs.

Lack of coverage was a growing problem in 2010, when Democrats under Obama passed his health law. Now, the bigger issue seems to be that many people with insurance are struggling to pay their deductibles and copays.

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Democratic presidential candidate from Colorado

rado Sen. Michael Bennet. He is among the Democratic presidential candidates who favor building on the current system, not replacing it entirely, as does Sanders. "The cost issue is a huge issue for the country and for families," Bennet said.

A report this year by the Commonwealth Fund think tank in New York found fewer uninsured Americans than in 2010 but more who are "underinsured," a term that describes policyholders exposed to high out-of-pocket costs when compared with their individual incomes. The report estimated 44 million Americans were underinsured in 2018, compared with 29 million in 2010 when the law was passed. That's about a 50% increase, with the greatest jump among people with employer coverage.

"When you have 90 percent of the American people covered and they are drowning in their health care bills, what they want to hear from politicians are plans that will address their health care costs more than plans that will

cover the remaining 10 percent," said Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonpartisan research organization that tracks the health care system. "When Democrats talk about universal coverage more than health care costs, they are playing to the dreams of activists and progressives ... much less to the actual concerns of the 90 percent who have coverage today."

Sanders' office responds that the Vermont senator's "Medicare for All" plan would solve both the coverage and cost problems for individual Americans. Medical care would be provided with no deductibles or copays. No one would be uninsured or underinsured.

"The simple answer is that our health care system becomes more unmanageable for more and more Americans every year," Sanders spokesman Keane Bhatt said in a statement. "This is not a system that needs a few tweaks. This is a system that needs a complete overhaul."

But other countries that provide

coverage for all and are held up by Sanders as models for the U.S. don't offer benefits as generous as he's proposing. If he is elected president, there's no way of telling how his plan would emerge from Congress, or even whether something like it could pass.

Four other 2020 Democrats are co-sponsors of Sanders' bill: Sens. Cory Booker, of New Jersey; Kirsten Gillibrand, of New York; Kamala Harris, of California; and Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts.

On the other side of the political spectrum, Trump is talking about big changes. His administration is seeking to have federal courts declare the entire Obama-era health care law unconstitutional, jeopardizing coverage for 20 million people, jettisoning protections for patients with pre-existing conditions and upending the rest of the 970-page statute, now nearly 10 years old.

The president says there's nothing to worry about. Earlier this summer, Trump told ABC News that he was working on a plan that would provide "phenomenal

health care," protect people with preexisting conditions and would be "less expensive than 'Obamacare' by a lot."

White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement that the Obama law was "sold and passed on a litany of broken promises" and now "Democrats are proposing even more radical government takeovers of our health care system."

As president-elect, Trump promised a health plan but never offered one upon taking office. Instead, he backed bills from congressional Republicans, including one he called "mean" during a private meeting.

Trump says he might come out with his new plan within months but that passing it would hinge on his getting reelected and Republicans winning back the House in 2020 while keeping control of the Senate.

Republicans controlled Washington in 2017 when Trump, then-Senator Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tried for months to repeal and replace the Obama law, only to fail. The repeal effort was widely seen as contributing to Republicans losing the House in 2018.

Since then, many GOP lawmakers have tried to void the issue altogether.

## President's plan seeks to crack down on food stamps 'loophole'

By DAVID A. LIEB  
Associated Press

Residents signing up for food stamps in Minnesota are provided a brochure about domestic violence, but it doesn't matter if they even read the pamphlet. The mere fact it was made available could allow them to qualify for government food aid if their earnings or savings exceed federal limits.

As odd as that might sound, it's not actually unusual.

Thirty-eight other states also have gotten around federal income or asset limits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by using federal welfare grants to produce materials informing food stamp applicants about other available social services. Illinois, for example, produced a flyer briefly listing 21 services, a website and email address and a telephone number for more information.

The tactic was encouraged by former President Barack Obama's administration as a way for states to route federal food aid to households that might not otherwise qualify under a strict enforcement of federal guidelines. Now, President Donald Trump's administration is proposing to end the practice — potentially eliminating food stamps for more than 3 million of the nation's 36 million recipients.

The proposed rule change, outlined last week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has highlighted the ideological clash between Trump's attempts to tighten government entitlement programs and efforts in some states to widen the social safety net.

It's also stirred outrage and uncertainty among some who stand to be affected.

"I think it's pretty rotten," said Lisa Vega, a single mother of two teenage boys in suburban Chicago who applied for food stamps last month after losing her job. Because she receives regular support payments from her ex-husband, Vega said her eligibility for food stamps likely hinges on the income eligibility exceptions that Trump's administration is trying to end.



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"A lot of these politicians don't realize that we Americans out here are living pay check to paycheck, one crisis away from being homeless," Vega said. "You're just going to take this kind of stuff away from us when we need it the most."

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said the proposed rule change is intended to close a "loophole" that states have misused to "effectively bypass important eligibility guidelines."

Current federal guidelines forbid people who make more than 130 percent of the poverty level from getting food stamps. But many states believe the cap is too restrictive, especially in cities with a high cost of living, prompting them to bypass the limits.

At issue is a federal policy that allows people who receive benefits through other government programs, such as Temporary



ROBERT F. BUONATY/AP

A sign advertises a program that allows food stamp recipients to use their EBT cards to shop at a farmer's market in Topsham, Maine. A proposed Trump administration rule change could lead to as many as 3 million people no longer getting food stamps.

Assistance for Needy Families, to automatically qualify for the food aid program known as SNAP. The practice, called categorical eligibility, is intended partly to reduce duplicative paperwork. It has also allowed states to grant food stamps to more people.

In 2009, Obama's Agriculture Department sent a memo to its regional directors encouraging states to adopt what it termed "broad-based categorical eligibility" for food stamps by providing applicants with a minimal TANF-funded benefit such as an informational pamphlet or telephone

hotline. Among other things, Obama's administration said the expanded eligibility could help families stung by a weak economy and promote savings among low-income households.

Most states adopted the strategy. Thirty states and the District of Columbia are using income limits higher than the federal standard of \$1,316 monthly for an individual or \$2,252 for a family of three. Thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia have even waived asset limits entirely or set them above federal thresholds, according to the Agriculture Department.

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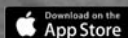
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## WORLD

# N. Korea lets fishermen return to South

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Two South Koreans and 15 Russians returned to South Korea on Sunday following 10 days of detention in North Korea after their fishing boat drifted into North Korean waters, officials said.

The crew members were aboard a Russia-flagged fishing boat when it was detained by North Korea on July 17 after leaving South Korea's eastern Sokcho port a day earlier.

South's Unification Ministry said in a statement the crew arrived aboard the same boat at Sokcho on Sunday, a day after they left the North's Wonsan port.

South officials did not immediately explain how they were detained, treated and repatriated, saying North Korea hasn't informed South Korea of its decision to release the crew. The ministry said it learned of the boat's departure from Wonsan on Saturday through various channels that it refused to disclose.

The ministry statement said it positively assessed the North's repatriation of the crew members.

In a Facebook message, the Russian Embassy in Pyongyang said the "coordinated work of the Russian diplomatic agency" led to their release. It said the ship's captain was informed of the crew's planned release 3½ hours before their departure from Wonsan.

An unidentified crew member told Russia's state news agency Tass that the ship was released without being fined. "The full crew is aboard the ship; everyone is feeling well," he was quoted as saying.

The Tass report said the ship was heading to the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan to catch crabs when it was detained. It cited the North Korean



LEE JONG-GEUN, YONHAP/AP

**A Russia-flagged fishing boat which was detained by North Korea is docked at Sokcho, South Korea, on Sunday. Seoul says two South Koreans and 15 Russians have returned to South Korea about 10 days after their boat drifted into North Korean waters and was detained.**

Foreign Ministry representatives as saying the ship was detained for "violating the rules of entry and stay in North Korea."

Ties between the Koreas are cool amid little progress in U.S.-led diplomacy aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear program.

Seoul said North Korea is holding six other South Koreans it has arrested in re-

cent years on anti-state and other charges.

Fishing boats drift across the Korea's eastern sea border in both directions. Earlier Sunday, South Korea's military said a North Korean wooden fishing boat carrying three people crossed the maritime border Saturday night, prompting a South Korean navy ship to tow it to a South Ko-

rean port.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Koreans were under investigation.

South Korea typically returns North Korean fishermen unless they are suspected of espionage. But it also lets them resettle in the South if they want.

## Cyprus frees 7 teens; cites false report

By MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS

Associated Press

PARALIMNI, Cyprus — Seven Israeli teenagers were freed from custody in Cyprus on Sunday after a 19-year-old British woman admitted her report of being raped by a dozen people was untrue, a lawyer and Cypriot officials said.

A lawyer for two of the Israelis said the woman was arrested and faces a public nuisance charge. Investigators concluded the accuser's allegations "didn't stand to reason," lawyer Yiannis Habaris said.

A law enforcement official said the woman voluntarily recanted during questioning just after midnight, saying there had been sexual contact with the suspects but she wasn't raped.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss details of the case.

The state-run Cyprus News Agency reported that the woman allegedly told investigators she filed a rape report because she was "angry and insulted" that a number of the Israelis allegedly recorded video of her having sex with some of them.

As the Israeli teens were released from police district headquarters in the town of



PETROS KARADIAS/AP

**An Israeli teenager is embraced by relatives after being released from Famagusta police headquarters in the southeast town of Paralimni, Cyprus, on Sunday.**

Paralimni hours later, jubilant relatives were there to greet them with hugs and kisses. Some of the youths carried suitcases and got into waiting cars that drove them away.

Cypriot authorities arrested 12 Israeli teenagers on July 18 following the woman's report of being raped by a dozen individuals at a hotel in the popular tourist resort of Ayia Napa where she and the Israelis were staying.

Five were released Thursday after investigators found no evidence implicating them.

Investigators told a Paralimni court dur-

ing a custody hearing Friday that the British woman was in a relationship with one of the seven suspects and had sexual contact with several of the other six over several days, lawyer Habaris said earlier.

The 12 Israelis had come to Cyprus in three separate groups, some for a vacation before being inducted into the army, and didn't know each other, according to Nir Yaslovitz, an Israeli lawyer representing three of the dozen suspects.

Cypriot police provided DNA samples to Israeli authorities to locate three other individuals as potential suspects, but that assistance is no longer necessary.

## Indian police: Top militant was killed

By EMILY SCHMALL

Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India — A top commander of a Pakistan-based militant group was killed Sunday during an operation in the southern part of the Indian-administered part of Kashmir, the region's police chief said.

Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbagh Singh said that Munna Bihari, a commander of the Jaish-e-Mohammad militant group, was killed with a local associate after a nightlong operation in Shopian town.

Singh said the commander was known for bomb-making and a series of civilian killings and attacks on the military.

Jaish-e-Mohammad was blamed for a February car bombing on a paramilitary convoy that killed 40 Indian soldiers in the deadliest attack on Indian troops in recent history. The attack brought archival nuclear nations India and Pakistan close to another war.

Jaish-e-Mohammad is outlawed in Pakistan but is thought to operate from safe havens in that country.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan and both claim the region.

## WORLD

# More tear gas fired amid raging Hong Kong protests

By KATIE TAM  
AND CHANWOO BANG  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police fired tear gas at protesters in Hong Kong on Sunday for the second night in a row in another escalation of weeklong pro-democracy protests in the semiautonomous Chinese territory.

Protesters occupied two areas at opposite ends of central Hong Kong following a midafternoon rally against police use of tear gas the previous Sunday.

As night fell, one group that had blocked a road near the Chinese government's liaison office began to move forward. The police issued warnings, and protesters were seen throwing eggs at them. Officers fired tear gas to halt the advance.

Protesters had rallied earlier at a park in Hong Kong's financial district before marching out in several directions despite not winning police approval for a public procession. It was the second straight day that protesters took to the streets without official permission.

A sea of black-shirted protesters, some with bright yellow helmets and masks but many with just backpacks, streamed out of Chater Garden park. Chanting, "add oil," a phrase that roughly means "keep up the fight," a huge crowd marched east down a wide thoroughfare in what has become a summer of protests.

They stopped near the Sogo department store and set up barricades to block off the area and defend it against police.

Another group headed west toward mainland China's liaison office. Protesters egged the office the previous weekend and splattered black ink on the national emblem, eliciting an angry reaction from the Chinese government.

They stopped about two blocks short of the office and used orange and white construction barricades to build a wall spanning a major road.

They massed behind the barriers as night fell, with umbrellas pointed forward to shield their identities and ward off any police move to clear them.

Some nearby stores shuttered early as police in riot gear gathered nearby ahead of the all-but-inevitable clearing operation.

Hong Kong has been wracked by protests for seven weeks as op-



VINCENT YU/AP

**Protesters use umbrellas and barricades as they prepare to face policemen on a street in Hong Kong on Sunday.**

position to an extradition bill has morphed into demands for the resignation of the city's leader and an investigation into whether police have used excessive force in quelling the protests.

Underlying the movement is a broader push for full democracy in the territory. The city's leader is chosen by a committee dominated by a pro-Beijing establishment rather than by direct elections.

The rally in Chater Garden was called to protest the police use of

tear gas, rubber bullets and other force to break up a protest the previous Sunday.

"We need to have a protest to show that we are strongly against this kind of brutality and we need them to respond to our demands," said rally organizer Ventus Lau.

Police had denied Lau's request to march west to the Sheung Wan district, where the tear gas was used the previous weekend, citing escalating violence in clashes with protesters that have broken out after past marches and rallies.

## Over 1,300 detained in Moscow for protesting

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Nearly 1,400 people were detained in a violent police crackdown on an opposition protest in Moscow, a Russian group that monitors police arrests said Sunday, adding that it was the largest number of detentions at a rally in the Russian capital this decade.

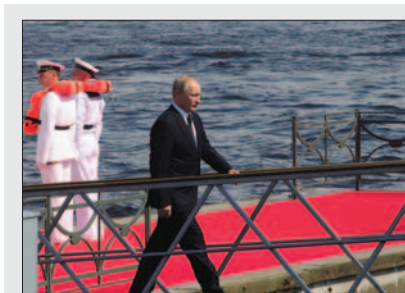
OVD-Info, which has monitored the arrests since 2011, said the number of the detentions it logged for Saturday's protest reached 1,373 by early Sunday. The overwhelming majority of people were soon released, but 150 remain in custody, OVD-Info and a lawyers' association providing legal aid to the detainees said Sunday.

Russian police violently dispersed thousands of people who thronged the streets of Moscow on Saturday to protest election authorities for disqualifying independent candidates from the Sept. 8 vote for the Moscow city council.

Several protesters reported broken limbs and head injuries. Police justified their response by saying the rally was not sanctioned by authorities.

Along with the arrests of the mostly young demonstrators, several opposition activists who wanted to run for the Moscow City Duma were arrested throughout the city before the protest.

They were released later in the



DIMITRI LOVETSKY/AP

**Russian President Vladimir Putin arrives to attend the military parade during the Navy Day celebration in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Sunday.**

## Putin leads naval parade

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin led Russia's first major naval parade in years on Sunday, the day after a violent police crackdown on anti-government protesters in Moscow.

Putin on Sunday morning went aboard one of the vessels in the Navy Day parade in St.

day, only to be rearrested in the evening.

Police eventually cordoned off City Hall and dispersed protesters from the area, but thousands of demonstrators reassembled in several different locations nearby where new arrests began.

Russian police beat some of them to the ground with white truncheon swings, while other demonstrators tried to push police away.

Petersburg on the Gulf of Finland. The parade, the biggest in years, included 43 ships and submarines and 4,000 troops.

Putin was spending the weekend away from Moscow, the Russian capital, where nearly 1,400 people were detained Saturday in a violent police crackdown on pro-democracy protesters.

Police said the protesters numbered about 3,500 people, but aerial footage from several locations where people were rallying simultaneously suggests at least 8,000 protesters.

The U.S. Embassy in Moscow on Sunday decried the violent crackdown as "use of disproportionate police force." The Russian presidential human rights council said Sunday it was concerned about the police brutality.

## 2 US teens jailed after Italian officer is slain

By FRANCES D'EMILIO  
Associated Press

ROME — Two American teenagers who were classmates at a California high school spent a second night in a Rome jail Saturday after they were interrogated for hours about their alleged roles in the murder of an Italian policeman.

Investigators contended in written statements Saturday that the pair had confessed to their roles in the grisly slaying. Vice Brigadier Mario Cerciello Rega, a member of the storied Carabinieri paramilitary corps, was stabbed eight times, allegedly by one of the teens, leaving him bleeding on a street close to the teens' upscale hotel near Rome's Tiber River.

Italian authorities identified the two as Gabriel Christian Natale-Hjorth, 18, and Finnegan Lee Elder, 19, and said they were born in San Francisco.

Police said they were apparently vacationing in the Italian capital without family members.

In the detention order, Elder is described as repeatedly stabbing the officer, 35, who had just returned to duty a few days earlier from his honeymoon.

Investigators said Cerciello Rega, along with another Carabinieri officer, were both in plainclothes when they confronted the Americans about 3 a.m. Friday in the wake of a drug deal gone wrong. Natale-Hjorth was described in the document as having repeatedly punched Cerciello Rega's partner.

Under Italian law, persons who participated in a killing but didn't actually carry out the slaying itself risk being charged with

murder. Both suspects are also being investigated for attempted extortion.

Cerciello Rega, beloved for his charity work with the homeless and the ailing, was praised as a hero for trying to help keep Rome's streets safe.

Photos of the officer wearing his uniform for his wedding and showing off his wedding band as he sat next to his beaming bride dominated the front pages of many Italian newspapers Saturday.

Parents with their children left bouquets of flowers at the blood-stained site. Authorities vowed that justice would be done.

"Hop[ing] that the killer of our poor Carabinieri never gets out of prison, I remind do-gooders that in the United States, whoever kills risks the death penalty," tweeted Interior Minister Matteo Salvini. "I'm not saying we'll get to that but, yes, to a life in prison (in labor, obviously)."

Like all European Union countries, Italy doesn't have the death penalty.

Elder's lawyer, Francesco Codini, said his client had exercised his right not to respond to questions during a hearing before a judge at the jail Saturday to determine whether the suspects remain locked up.

Italian state radio reported Sunday the judge ruled that the Americans must stay in jail while the investigation goes forward.



Cerciello Rega

## WORLD

# Qatar's cows help it around Saudi-led boycott

## Country finding ways to adapt to blockade

By STEVEN MUFSON  
The Washington Post

AL KHOR, Qatar — Three times a day, the Holstein cows on this dairy farm north of Doha placidly step onto a circular platform to get hooked up to automated milking tubes.

Afterward, they get sprayed with cool water and go back to one of the 40 state-of-the-art barns where misting and cooling systems keep the summer temperature at roughly 82 degrees, well below the brutal 110 degrees it is outside on Qatar's scrubland.

The cows, about 20,000 of them, rest on beds of cooled sand. They do everything but yoga, joked Saba Mohd N.M. Al Fadala, the farm's public relations director, highlighting the comfortable conditions.

Two years ago, none of this was here.

Qatar imported all its milk needs. But then neighboring Saudi Arabia and its regional allies declared they would blockade Qatar over disputes that included claims that Qatar supported Islamist factions such as the Muslim Brotherhood.

That left Qatar — rich in oil and natural gas — having to rethink how to get everything from construction materials to milk.

Now this farm, called Baladna, or "our country," and its five "milking parlors" provide enough milk for the domestic market in addition to making products such as cheese and yogurt. The company has even started exporting small amounts to Oman, Yemen and Afghanistan.

"This is one of the biggest successes since the blockade," said Adam Pfeffer, a Michigan native who has worked in Dubai and other countries before coming to Qatar to manage the dairy farm operations. "If there had been no blockade, this wouldn't be here. It shows the importance of food security."

The blockade has turned into a rallying cry for Qataris.

"The economy is getting stronger," said Youssef Al Horr, founding chairman of an environmental group, the Gulf Organization for Research & Development. He listed the new food industry, more direct supply routes and a boost for local logistic businesses tied to new port facilities.

"Now we have direct access to original suppliers and we're cutting out those middlemen," he said.

Overall, Qatar has adapted to the sanctions imposed more than two years ago by Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt. Those countries — angered by what they alleged was funding for extremist groups and support for Arab Spring movements — took direct aim at the Qatari economy and flagship brands such as Qatar Airways.

The sweeping diplomatic and commercial snub was an unprecedented move among Gulf Arab nations that had usually tried to present a united front. But Qatar had increasingly faced regional pressures over its independent-minded policies and the growing clout of the Doha-based broadcaster Al Jazeera across the Arabicspeaking world.

Qatar also has the money to ride it out. Qatar relies heavily on liquefied natural gas, which accounts for about 85% of its total exports. Those massive LNG exports, including production joint ventures with ExxonMobil and Royal Dutch Shell, have continued unobstructed. In January,



PHOTOS BY SALWAN GEORGES/The Washington Post

Baladna's Holstein cows are seen inside a dairy farm on circular platform with automated milking tubes on July 9 in Al Khor, Qatar.

**'If there had been no blockade, this wouldn't be here. It shows the importance of food security.'**

Adam Pfeffer

Michigan native who runs a dairy farm in Qatar

Qatar, which also produces only 600,000 barrels a day of oil, quit the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC.

While President Donald Trump initially sounded sympathetic to Saudi complaints, the signals have changed. Qatar's leader, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al-Thani, met and discussed investments, circumventing the blockade in a rare break in U.S. support for Riyadh.

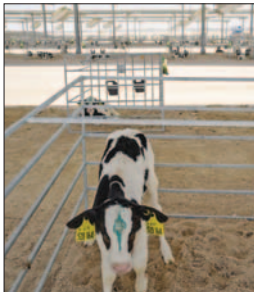
Qatar has "successfully absorbed the shocks" from a drop in oil prices from 2014 to 2016 and the Saudi-led boycott imposed in June 2017, the International Monetary Fund said in its spring assessment. Qatar's inflation-adjusted GDP growth is estimated at 2.2 percent, up from 1.6 percent in 2017, the report said.

S&P Global, which had changed Qatar's outlook to negative in 2017, has changed it back to stable.

Qatar has also reemerged much of its trade. Much of it previously flowed through Saudi Arabia — Qatar's only land border — or by sea through Dubai. Now, many ships to Qatar come from Turkey, India and Oman.

And Turkey, which made a deal last year with Qatar's central bank that helped stabilize the Turkish lira, is happy to boost trade, too.

The next World Cup, which will take



Newborn calves sleep on sand in open-air cases beneath 40-foot high rooftops with fans at Baladna farm.

place in Qatar in 2022, hangs over everything. There are more than \$200 billion in major construction projects — eight new or renovated stadiums, a new metro system, and an entire new city on the northern edge of Doha. And Qatar has also fallen back on its sovereign wealth fund, which diverted about \$20 billion of its roughly \$320 billion of assets back into Qatar.

To be sure, there have been bumps.

Because they must avoid Saudi airspace, commercial flights must take longer routes. That inconveniences the foreign workers who make up about 90% of the 2.7 million people here. The trip from Sudan's capital Khartoum to Doha, for example, doubled to almost seven hours. A consultant in Saudi Arabia must fly through Kuwait to visit relatives in Doha. He visits less often.

Luckily for Qatar, it had just completed a port expansion project when the blockade was imposed, making it much easier to import directly from suppliers and to jump

over regional logistics hubs in places such as Dubai or Saudi Arabia.

The Baladna farm is the most prominent example of Qatar's push for self-sufficiency.

When the blockade was announced, Qatar was able to get milking machines delivered quickly by paying an Irish company also seeking to buy the equipment to step aside for a rush order.

Then it airlifted cows from Europe using Russian cargo planes. Large numbers of those cows died of heat stress, but that was before the barns and cooling systems were completely constructed. The farm also has a 17-person veterinary team and hospital.

Since then, more cows have been imported from the United States and Canada. And 30 to 50 more cows are being born here every day.

To raise a hardy breed accustomed to relatively hot conditions, the newborns sleep on sand in open air cages beneath high rooftops with fans. They move to the barns after a year.

There are disadvantages to raising cows in Qatar, where the summer heat routinely tops 115 degrees. Cows can't be left outside to chew grass; there isn't any. Hay comes from places such as the United States, Spain, France, Germany and Romania.

"Fifty percent of the job is to think past the blockade," said Abdallah. As a result, he is trying to build brand loyalty "very quickly." One tactic: Student groups visit during the school year.

He added, "Now we have the market to ourselves."

The dairy also hasn't solved the economic problem of getting Qataris to work in Qatar. People with Qatari origin account for barely a tenth of the 2.7 million people here. The privately owned Baladna enterprise has created 1,800 jobs — but the company just hired its first genuine Qatari employee, Al Fadala. The rest come from around the world.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Fargo's replica of the Statue of Liberty stolen

**ND** FARGO — Authorities said Fargo's 8-foot-tall replica of the Statue of Liberty has been stolen.

KFJO radio reported the 150-pound statue that was mounted on a pedestal at the entrance of the Veterans Memorial Bridge was reported missing July 22.

Mayor Tim Mahoney said a construction camera near the area that takes hourly photos indicates the theft took place early July 21.

Mahoney called the theft "disrespectful" but said no charges will be filed if it is returned.

## Zoo awaits bloom of smelly corpse flower

**OH** CLEVELAND — A zoo in Cleveland is awaiting the odiferous bloom of what's known as the corpse flower for the just the fourth time in the last 25 years.

WEWS-TV reported the rare titan arum flower stinks for around 24 hours when it blooms and can grow to a height of 10 feet. The plant is at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Rainforest.

At the other end of the state, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden officials are anticipating the bloom of their newly acquired corpse flower named "Morticia."

They describe the odor it emits as a combination of Limburger cheese, garlic, rotting flesh and smelly feet.

## Man sentenced for Apple Store thefts

**OR** PORTLAND — A man who almost daily stole hundreds of dollars of electronics from the downtown Portland Apple Store to feed a \$150-a-day heroin habit has been sentenced to nearly four years in prison.

The (Portland) Oregonian/OregonLive reported Todd Billinghurst, 39, was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty as part of a plea deal to theft and robbery at Sunglass Hut and Ross Dress for Less. That was on top of earlier guilty pleas for first-degree aggravated theft from the Apple Store.

Prosecutors said Billinghurst would run into the Apple store, grab an average of about \$700 worth of merchandise and escape within 20 seconds.

## Vegas grasshoppers unusual but harmless

**NV** LAS VEGAS — A migration of mild-mannered grasshoppers sweeping through the Las Vegas area is being attributed to wet weather.

Nevada state entomologist Jeff Knight told reporters Thursday the number of adult pallid-winged grasshoppers traveling north to central Nevada is unusual but not unprecedented and they pose no danger.

Knight said the insects don't carry disease, don't bite and probably won't damage anybody's yard before they're gone in several weeks.



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## Up and over

Keri Caraher, founder of The Canine Stars, tries a little body English to help Layla clear 52 inches of bar during the Lake County Fair in Grayslake, Ill., on Friday. All dogs participating in the show were rescues.

## Female runner chases down male flasher

**MA** CAMBRIDGE — A runner captured on video chasing down a man who exposed himself to her said she turned the tables on him.

Aia Polansky, 33, said she didn't hesitate to run the man down after he pulled down his pants as she ran along the Charles River in Cambridge on July 18.

Surveillance video released by Massachusetts State Police showed the unfazed and infuriated former Israeli army soldier sprinting to overtake the man.

Polansky said that she grabbed the man's arm and called for help, but the man slipped from her grip and escaped when she reached for her phone to call police.

## Photographer snaps snake eating cicada

**AR** OZARK — Charlton McDaniel, 42, of Fort Smith, said he was "fascinated and captivated" to see a copperhead eat a newly emerged cicada.

McDaniel, 42, told The Associated Press that he was in the forest for some moonlight kayaking when he noticed a molting cicada.

McDaniel said the snake showed up, and he twice scared off the reptile.

McDaniel said he went to his vehicle and when he returned the snake grabbed the insect.

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down with 22 men aboard. Two men and the captain's dog survived.

The age of a shipwreck that was found in Lake Superior. The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society announced it discovered the remains of the 294-foot S.R. Kirby, which sank 103 years ago in Lake Superior off Michigan's Upper Peninsula. A huge wave took the Kirby



CHARLTON MCDANIEL/AP

A copperhead eats a cicada in Arkansas' Ozark National Forest.

McDaniel said the copperhead became aware of his presence, finished swallowing the cicada and slithered off.

## Man crawls through window to rob shop

**AK** ANCHORAGE — Police are searching for a man who robbed a drive-through coffee shop in Anchorage after entering through the ordering window.

Police said the man walked up to the Perkup Espresso on West

Potter Drive on Thursday afternoon and crawled in through the window while holding a gun.

According to police, the man took cash and left. Two workers there at the time were not hurt.

## Scam hits restaurants with unpaid orders

**ID** HAYDEN — Flame & Cork owner Connie Young said a man placed a \$375 to-go order at the Hayden pizzeria on July 20.

She said she contacted the man after he didn't show up, and he responded, "You've been dunked."

Radici Italian Bistro owner Daniel Morey said his Hayden restaurant was scammed out of \$443 from a 25-pizza order the previous weekend.

## Police: Package was umbrella, thermos

**NY** NEW YORK — Police said a suspicious package left on a New York City subway platform before a man jumped in front of a train turned out to be an

umbrella and a thermos.

The unidentified man jumped in front of a Manhattan-bound A train at the 80th Street station in Queens about 6:45 a.m. Friday. He was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Bystanders told police the man had left a backpack on the platform before he jumped.

Subway service in the area was suspended while the bomb squad investigated.

## Ex-coach's aide guilty of underwear thefts

**KS** LAWRENCE — A former University of Kansas assistant volleyball coach has admitted stealing underwear from team members.

Skyler Yee, 24, pleaded no contest Friday to two felony counts of burglary in exchange for prosecutors dropping 13 other charges.

Judge Peggy Kittel found Yee's crimes were sexually motivated. He must register as a sex offender for the next 15 years.

The Lawrence Journal-World reported Kittel granted Yee's request to serve his sentence in Oregon, where he lives. However, Oregon must accept him, which may require him to serve part of his sentence in Kansas.

Yee was charged in February with 15 counts, including four felonies. The charges include burglary, property damage and theft.

From wire reports

## FACES

### 'Will & Grace' reboot to end in 2020

"Will & Grace" is coming to an end, again.

NBC said July 25 that the rebooted sitcom will wrap after its upcoming 2020 season, with the air date to be announced.

"Will & Grace" was part of a wave of revivals when it returned to TV in 2017. The third and final season will include 18 episodes.

When the comedy first aired, from 1998-2006, it was a groundbreaker for its depiction of gay friends Will and Jack, played by Eric McCormack and Sean Hayes.

Debra Messing and Megan Mullally also starred in the original and the reboot, which followed a much-viewed 2016 election-themed reunion video.

In a joint statement, the new show's producers said they consulted with the cast in deciding to bring "Will & Grace" to a close.

### 'Orange' offers fans a way to give back

The Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black" isn't content with leaving behind a legacy of good television. It wants to do good in the real world, too.

The series' creative team said July 25 it has formed a fund that will support advocacy groups pressing for criminal justice reform and women re-entering society from prison, protect immigrants' rights and end mass incarceration.

The fund, named in honor of show character Poussey Washington, will spread out every donation equally to eight already-existing nonprofit groups.

Washington, an inmate portrayed by actress Samira Wiley, is a fan favorite whose sudden death at the hands of officers in the fourth season stunned many viewers and was a nod to the recent cases of African-Americans killed in police custody.

### George Takei decries migrant treatment

George Takei says U.S. migrant detention policies reached depths beyond what Japanese-Americans faced during their World War II internment.

Takei, interned as a child, said his family and others were kept together when they were sent to American camps.

In contrast, the Star Trek actor said, some immigrant babies and children were separated and moved great distances from their parents.

Takei called it inhumane and a "grotesque law."

Takei, who stars in a new horror-drama series set in a Japanese-American internment camp, made his comments to a TV critics' meeting July 25.

He said he hopes the show, AMC's "The Terror: Infamy," debuting Aug. 12, inspires people to fight injustice.

From The Associated Press



BY LYNN ELBER  
Associated Press

There's no place like home for "The Brady Bunch," even if it was literally just a facade.

An HGTV renovation of the Los Angeles house that was used for exterior shots of the TV sitcom reunited six cast members and rekindled the show's spirit.

"We enjoy being together, doing other projects, but this is the first time the magic is back," said Susan Olsen, who played Cindy on "The Brady Bunch." Maureen McCormick (Marcia) and Eve Plumb (Jan) agreed. They and the other actors who played blended-family siblings took part in a Q&A with TV critics July 25 to promote "A Very Brady Renovation." The four-part series debuts Saturday Sept. 9.

Interior house scenes for the 1969-74 comedy were shot on a soundstage, with sets that bore no resemblance to the private home destined to become a photo-op magnet for "Brady" fans.

When the house went on the market in 2018, HGTV was a bidding war that drove the price up to \$3.5 million — or \$1.6 million over the listing price for the then-2,400-square-foot residence.

"They paid way too much, I mean WAY too much, for this house," said Barry Williams, who played Greg.

"That was the crazy part," agreed Christopher Knight, who played middle brother Peter.

The house was expanded, remodeled and redecorated to give it trademark elements of the set version, including the wood-paneled living room with a floating staircase, orange-and-green kitchen and Greg's attic digs.

"The Brady Bunch" cast said they were called on to put their demolition muscle and design skills into the renovation, aided by HGTV hosts including Jonathan and Drew Scott of "Property Brothers." The actors reminisce in the series about making the show and the co-stars they have lost.

"We can feel the presence of Robert Reed and Florence Henderson and Ann B. Davis in these rooms that are being created, through the memories and the shows," said Williams. "We can share their presence and what a significant part of our show they are and were."

"And they would've loved it," said Mike Lookinland (Bobby).

Henderson, who died in 2016 at age 82, and Reed, who was 59 when he died in 1992, played their parents, Davis (housekeeper Alice) died at 88 in 2014.

What will happen to the house after the series has yet to be announced by HGTV. The actors speculated that it's unlikely to become a museum or public attraction because it's in a residential area.



HGTV

Brady Bunch cast from left to right — Maureen McCormick, Christopher Knight, Susan Olsen, Mike Lookinland, Eve Plumb and Barry Williams — pose in front of the original Brady home in Studio City, Calif. The actors took part in HGTV's "A Very Brady Renovation." AP photos at top, clockwise from upper left: Williams, Knight, Lookinland, McCormick, Olsen, Plumb.

## Woodstock 50 festival moves to Maryland

BY SONIA RAO  
The Washington Post

Organizers of Woodstock 50 have decided to relocate the commemorative music festival from upstate New York to Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md., according to the office of Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. The move appears to be a last-minute effort to save the troubled festival, for which tickets have yet to go on sale.

"We're doing everything we can to make sure this historic show goes on," Scott Peterson, a spokesman for Ball's office, said July 25.

Woodstock 50 was announced in January, when Michael Lang, one of the original festival's organizers, shared his plans to put on a show Aug. 16-18 in Watkins Glen, N.Y. He promised an eclectic lineup — from legacy acts to modern pop and hip-hop stars — and an emphasis on social activism, a hallmark of Woodstock.

Organizers revealed two months later that Jay-Z and Miley Cyrus were among those set to perform, as well as a number of artists present in 1969: Dead and Company, Santana, John Fogerty and more.

Less than 24 hours after news broke that Woodstock 50 organizers had decided to move their troubled festival to Merriweather Post Pavilion, things have taken another turn for the worse. Both Jay-Z and John Fogerty have reportedly pulled out of the commemorative event — just three weeks before it is scheduled to take place.

The artists were two of the biggest names planned.

Red flags popped up as early as March, when Billboard reported that Woodstock 50 organizers had been late in paying several artists. In mid-April, just days before tickets were supposed to be available, organizers delayed the on-sale date — triggering cancellation rumors that seemed to come true at the end of the month, when the festival's financial backer issued a statement on April 29 saying so. It made sense, given several reports that organizers hadn't yet secured permits for Watkins Glen or Vernon Downs, a second option east of Syracuse that would've allowed artists whose contracts were bound to the original location the right to refuse to perform.

Several questions remain, largely regarding the organizers' ability to pay artists, and the event's ability to fulfill its mission of drawing a crowd of at least 100,000 people who would each pay hundreds of dollars to attend.

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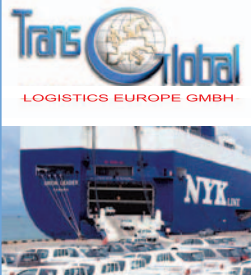
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# OPINION

## Why we can't let go of the Franken question

By MONICA HESSE

The Washington Post

Thanks to a 12,000-word New Yorker article, we now have new vehicle to think about Al Franken, perhaps more deeply than anyone ever thought about Al Franken. The "Saturday Night Live" star-turned-U.S. senator resigned in 2017 after eight women accused him of inappropriately touching or kissing them at various points in his career. But according to the article, written by the renowned political-investigative reporter Jane Mayer, his resignation was a railroaded. Facts about the initial accusation were misrepresented, she writes. She quotes sources who see Franken as a "cautionary tale," a blundering but decent man whose propensity for "social kissing" swept him up along with genuine villains.

It's worth noting. For one reason, it's fascinating to watch a skilled investigative journalist comb through the shrapnel of a story that nearly everyone else abandoned after it exploded. For another, it's fascinating to watch a skilled journalist dig into some assertions so thoroughly — Mayer carefully dismantles Lecaun Tweeden's claim that Franken had written a USO tour's raunchy skit just so he could kiss her, for example — but breeze past others.

For example: If someone is just a "physical person," as Franken said he is, why does that physicality so often manifest only around young women? Why do so many overly friendly elected officials seem to know not to "socially kiss" other men? For many observers, Al Franken is the razor's-edge of this whole conversation about harassment, punishment and redemption. If we can determine the appropriate response to someone whose actions were not criminal but merely gross, then we'll have a template for going forward. If we can figure out how to think about Al Franken, we can figure out how to think about anybody.

Somehow, the matter of Al Franken's resignation has become the Zaprider film of the modern era. Just tell us the right answer so we can all get off this grassy knoll.

In the middle of the New Yorker piece, there's a laugh-out-loud line, though I don't think it was intended as such. While discussing the aforementioned raunchy skit — the one where Tweeden says Franken "mashed his face" against hers in rehearsals — Mayer interviews a Franken defender. The defender insists that Franken's interactions were on the up-and-up: "All the scripts had been approved by the Army."

This logic is hilarious and confounding. The U.S. Army approving a skit doesn't make it non-offensive; the Army itself has been a petri dish of harassment and assault. It is not a reliable arbiter of taste.

But here's the thing, which I've been wrestling with ever since reading the article: I'd wager that no institutions in 2006 would be the reliable arbiter of 2019 taste. Our collective taste was bad then. Many mainstream cultural icons made inappropriate, sexist, homophobic jokes. We still loved Bill Cosby. We laughed at and excused a whole manner of things that we shouldn't have, which is partly why we're here now, 13 years later, excavating.

Speaking of comedians, Aziz Ansari has a new comedy special on Netflix. It's worth watching. Ansari, who was himself accused of inappropriate behavior on a date, addresses his own actions in a vulnerable and honest-seeming way that comedians like Louis CK and, yes, Franken, have appeared unable to do. And he turns his lens outward. He encourages his audience to think about their own past selves and our past culture.

How many audience members, for example, bought tickets to "The Hangover" and laughed uproariously at the movie where Bradley Cooper used an LGBT slur — in 2009! — and Zach Galifianakis had a whole scene based off of a derogatory word for people with intellectual disabilities?

ties? How many loved "The Office," where Jim won't take no for an answer, and Pam encourages Michael to keep hitting on a woman who has already rebuffed him?

I wish we would spend more time in these periods of self-reflection.

I think it's possible, though it depresses me to say it, that what Al Franken allegedly did would merely have been considered boorish until fairly recently. Mashing a kiss onto an unsuspecting woman? Squirrelly, yes. Brandy, yes. But punishable? Heck, Adrien Brody did it to Halle Berry on stage at the 2003 Oscars, and we were supposed to be charmed.

Now it's considered harassment. It should have been considered harassment all along.

Again, taste was bad then. Many of us were dumb. Many of us weren't, but many of us were. Many of us once bought into culture that we're now trying desperately to distance ourselves from.

Which decade's standards should we apply when we think about Al Franken? Then or now? I don't think there's necessarily a right answer to that question, but I do think it's one of the right questions. How do we deal with behaviors that millions of Americans very wrongly thought was acceptable 20 years ago?

You don't have to decide that Franken was a bad man in 2006 in order to think he should have resigned in 2017.

You can decide that he might have been considered a fine man then. You can decide that he's a fine man now, too, that he's learned and grown — and that he should feel free to run for office again, if he chooses.

You can also decide that even if his past behavior was fine, it's also OK to want our leaders to be better than fine. It's OK to want them to define truly good behavior for the rest of us, rather than trundling along, doing what everyone else has been trained to accept.

Monica Hesse is a columnist for The Washington Post's Style section and author of "American Fire."

## Facebook feels the pinch of privacy crackdown

By SHIRA OVIDE

Bloomberg Opinion

It's easy to believe that Facebook is an unstoppable advertising force built on pervasive human surveillance and that no legal regulatory or legislative effort is doing much to curb it.

Despite that, concerns, the privacy reckoning for Facebook and the rest of the internet is denting the company's ad machine.

Facebook spooked investors a bit on Wednesday during a conference call to discuss its second-quarter earnings. Executives said revenue growth would slow more than the company previously expected at the end of this year and into 2020, in part because of various restrictions or self-imposed limitations on Facebook's data harvesting.

Facebook didn't spill all the details about the scope of this growth sag or the causes. Europe's strict data privacy rules, imposed last year, require Facebook to obtain explicit permission from people for all sorts of data harvesting that is considered normal in the U.S., and executives have said that some European countries are saying no.

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important online gateways are also trying to crack down on the types of broad data collection in which Facebook and others engage. And Facebook itself has imposed limits on types of sometimes-creepy information marketers had used to target ads and closed down some of Facebook's own ad-targeting categories, including ones that should not have existed.

Facebook has also promised a long-delayed feature that would allow people to decouple their internet browsing history from their Facebook user profiles. The company has warned advertisers that this "clear history" feature will make Facebook's famed portraits of people as they roam around the web and the real world, the unstoppable growth machine sputters a bit. Facebook can't pinpoint ever-more personalized ads, and people are less likely, perhaps, to respond to those pitches.

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Trump, Macron uncork new trade standoff

French tax on tech giants brings threats of tariffs on its wine

BY ANGELA CHARLTON  
Associated Press

PARIS — France is pushing ahead with a landmark tax on tech companies like Google and Facebook despite President Donald Trump's threats of retaliatory tariffs on French wine.

That's rattling French vintners, who sold \$1.78 billion worth of wine last year to American consumers. But neither Trump nor French President Emmanuel Macron appears ready to back down.

After Trump slammed the "foolishness" of the tax in a tweet Friday and promised reciprocal action, French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said France will implement it anyway.

He insisted that the measure doesn't target American companies, and that "fair and effective taxation on digital activities" is of universal concern. He said France's tax is meant as a temporary measure pending negotiations on an international deal that France wants to work out "hand in hand with our American friends."

The 3% tax that went into force last week mainly concerns companies that use consumer data to sell online advertising.

It's designed to stop multinationals from avoiding taxes by setting up European headquarters in low-tax European Union countries. Currently, companies such as Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple, Airbnb and Uber pay very little tax on their sig-



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nificant business in countries like France.

The Trump administration says the tax is discriminatory against U.S. business.

In fact, it targets any digital company with yearly global sales worth more than \$835 million and French revenue exceeding \$27 million. It should affect about 30 companies based in the U.S., China and Europe — including France.

The revenue threshold is supposed to allow more room for startups. France argues that tech companies are abusing their market dominance, notably through tax avoidance, and preventing others from a fair chance of competing.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer began an investigation earlier this month to

determine whether the tax is discriminatory or unreasonable and restricts U.S. commerce. Such a finding would allow Trump to levy retaliatory tariffs.

Trump derided French wines in his tweet, and later said he might hit them with retaliatory tariffs. He made a similar threat last year.

About 20% of French wine is sold in the U.S., and the Federation of French Wine and Spirits Exports on Saturday expressed concern about tariffs that could hurt "French players in this market, but also their clients and American consumers."

The federation urged French and American authorities to pursue dialogue on the tax issue, expressing hope "that they can quickly find a path to follow to prevent these threats from

materializing."

Le Maire said the U.S. "should not mix the two issues," and noted that European wines already face tariffs in the U.S. as do American wines in Europe. He hopes for an international deal by the end of August.

Trump insisted Friday that he has a good relationship with Macron and had just spoken with him. After initially befriendiing the U.S. president despite their starkly different worldviews, Macron has increasingly stood up to Trump on trade, climate change and Iran's nuclear program.

The tech tax is just their latest battleground, and will be a key tension point when the two men meet at a Group of Seven summit in France next month.

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Euro costs (July 29)	\$1.1430
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British pound	\$1.2408
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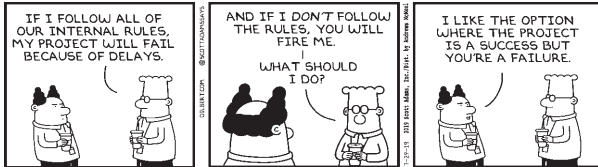


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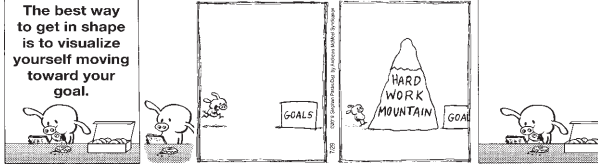
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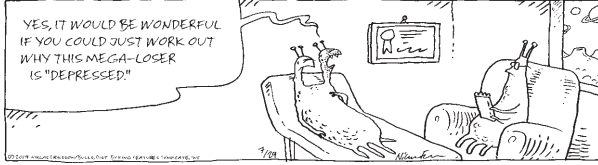
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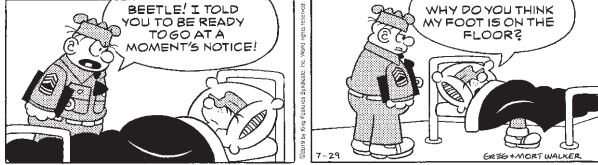
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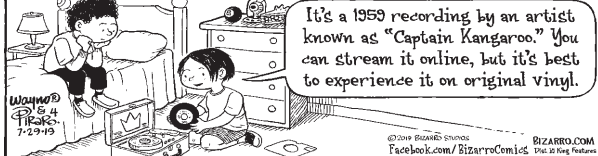
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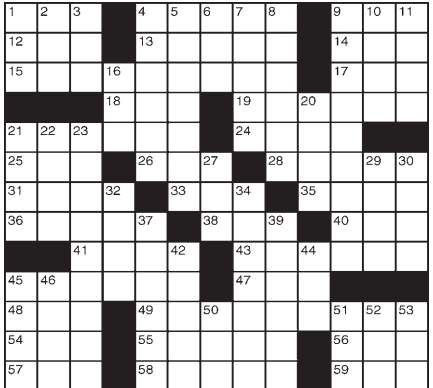
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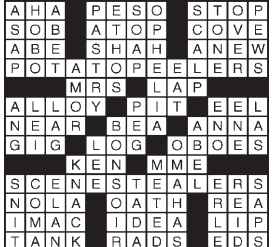
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- 18 Promptly
- 19 Arizona city
- 21 "— in St. Louis"
- 24 Fix, in a sense
- 25 "Suits" network
- 26 Donkey
- 28 Because
- 31 Old salts
- 33 Spigot
- 35 March Madness gp.
- 36 Island near Java
- 38 "Great Expectations" lad
- 40 Goof up
- 41 Genesis shepherd
- 43 Abrupt
- 45 Abrasion
- 47 Numerical prefix
- 48 Stir-fry pan
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- 55 Coral island

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## TOUR DE FRANCE/SPORTS BRIEFS

# Young Colombian Bernal wins title

By JOHN LEICESTER  
Associated Press

PARIS — A Tour de France for the ages ended with a champion of an unusually young age: 22-year-old Egan Bernal, who became South America's first winner of cycling's greatest race when he rode to the finish in yellow on the Champs-Élysées in Paris on Sunday night.

The slightly built Colombian with a killer instinct on the road proved to be the strongest of the 176 strong men who roared off from the start in Brussels, Belgium, on July 6 on their three-week, 2,092-mile odyssey that delivered the most absorbing, drama-packed Tour in decades and a new cycling superstar in the making: Bernal.

Colombian fans were partying in Paris even before the surviving 155 riders rounded their tired legs for the 21st and final stage from Rambouillet west of Paris. Keeping with race tradition on the Tour's final day, the stage started at a pedestrian pace and in a joyful atmosphere. Bernal

chatted with French rival Julian Alaphilippe and raised a glass of champagne near his Ineos team car.

Speaking in French before the start, Bernal thanked "France for organizing the most beautiful race in the world, and the most beautiful victory of my life."

While Colombia celebrated its new national hero, the millions of French fans who had lined the roads through east, central and southern France, and up into the thinning air of the Pyrenees and Alps, were ruing a bitter-sweet Tour.

First, their hearts soared with fabulous racing from French riders Alaphilippe, who held the iconic yellow jersey for 14 days, and Thibaut Pinot, who won on the first of seven 6,500-foot peaks scaled by the highest Tour in history.

But joy turned to sorrow when Alaphilippe and Pinot's prospects of becoming France's first winner since 1985 were cruelly dashed just two days before the grand finale in Paris, on an epic



THIBAUT CAMUS/AP

Colombia's Egan Bernal makes a champagne toast with his team director during the 21st stage of the Tour de France on Sunday. The race concluded in Paris on Sunday night.

Stage 19 where Mother Nature became a party-poopng guest. An almighty dump of torrential rain and hail severed the Tour route just as Bernal was succeeding in ripping the race lead off Alaphilippe, who'd clung to it like a kid with a favorite toy.

Alaphilippe, more than anyone, first ignited and then stoked what will long be remembered

as a Tour of fireworks. With his goatee beard and can't-catch-me attacks that rivals couldn't match, Alaphilippe embodied "panache," the old-school class so cherished by fans of the 116-year-old Tour.

Alaphilippe's enterprise first put him in yellow in Champagne country on Stage 3 and then, after he lost the lead on Stage 6, got him the jersey back on Stage 8, which

he held through the Pyrenees and into the Alps.

And it was there that Bernal, raised at altitude in Colombia and at home in thinner air, struck.

He flew up the Tour's highest climb, the dizzying Iséran pass at 9,088-feet above sea level, demolished what remained of Alaphilippe's lead on Stage 19 and built a sizeable one of his own.

## Briefly

# Yankees put ace Sabathia on IL with hurt knee

Associated Press

BOSTON — New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia is back on the injured list because of right knee inflammation.

The 39-year-old left-hander also was on the IL because of knee inflammation from May 23 to June 2.

He allowed five runs and nine hits over 4 1/3 innings in Saturday's 9-5 loss to the Boston Red Sox and is 0-2 in four starts since beating Toronto on June 24. Sabathia is 5-6 with a 4.78 ERA in 17 starts. He intends to retire this year after his 19th major league season.

Sabathia's knee is a chronic issue. He had surgery after the 2010 season, in July 2014 and after the 2016 and 2018 seasons. He pitches with a brace and needs periodic injections during the season.

## Bosa practices with 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Defensive end Nick Bosa made it through his first NFL practice without injuring himself Saturday morning at 49ers training camp.

Bosa is coming off a torn bicipital core muscle, an injury which ended his final season at Ohio State. After the 49ers drafted Bosa with the second pick in April's draft, he pulled his hamstring during the first practice of the offseason while participating in a one-on-one pass-rush drill. He missed the rest of OTAs and minicamp.

Now, the 49ers have cleared Bosa to do everything in training camp.

Bosa is the younger brother of Los Angeles Chargers defensive end Joey Bosa, the 2016 Defensive Rookie of the Year, who has 28 1/2 sacks in 33 career games. In college, Nick Bosa had 17 1/2 sacks in 29 games.

## Bengals' Green injured

DAYTON, Ohio — Near the end of a festive afternoon commemorating the NFL's centennial season, the Cincinnati Bengals watched A.J. Green get carted off the field with an injury that left the receiver distraught.

"You never want to see that," quarterback Andy Dalton said. "It's unfortunate."

One practice into coach Zac Taylor's inaugural season, the last-place Bengals saw their most indispensable player crumple on the field. Green ran a deep sideline pattern during a 7-on-7 drill. Cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick bumped him as he knocked away the pass, and Green appeared to land awkwardly on the left foot.

Taylor had no information about the severity of the injury when practice ended. Kirkpatrick also was seen by a trainer.

## Cardinals cut Nkemdiche

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have released defensive lineman Robert Nkemdiche after the former first-round draft pick showed up to training camp out of shape.

Nkemdiche began training camp on the physically unable to perform list as he recovers from ACL surgery last December and coach Kliff Kingsbury said Friday he was not in shape.

The Cardinals used the 29th overall pick of the 2016 NFL Draft to take Nkemdiche and the former Mississippi player appeared in 27 games over three injury-

plagued seasons.

## All-Star Wheeler shines

LAS VEGAS — Erica Wheeler hoped to make her All-Star debut an unforgettable one. She certainly did, walking away with the MVP award.

Wheeler, who was the first undrafted player to debut in the league since 2003 to earn an All-Star spot, scored 25 points and led Team Wilson to a 129-126 victory over Team Delle Donne on Saturday. The Indiana Fever guard got emotional when she accepted the MVP award.

Phoenix's Brittany Griner had an All-Star record three dunks, including an impressive two-handed jam where she hung on the rim over Aces star Liz Cambage. The Australian 6-foot-8 center had her own fun in the game, playing point guard. She waved off Aces teammate Kayla McBride when she tried to come over and take over the guard position.

## Kim takes Evian lead

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — Cresting a wave of South Koreans atop the Evian Championship leaderboard Saturday, Hyo Joo Kim fired a third-round 65 to move one shot clear on 15-under 198.

Top-ranked Sung Hyun Park closed the gap in second by making a birdie on the par-5 18th for a 5-under 66.

Four shots back in a tie for third place were seven-time major winner Inbee Park (69) and Jin Young Ko (66), who won the season's first major, the ANA Inspiration, in April.

In other golf news:

■ Rory McIlroy shot an 8-under 62 on Saturday at the FedEx St. Jude Invitational to take a one-stroke lead over Brooks Koepka at the World Golf Championships event.

## Verstappen wins German GP

HOCKENHEIM, Germany — Max Verstappen won a chaotic and rain-soaked German Grand Prix on Sunday, while championship leader Lewis Hamilton finished 11th and his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas crashed near the end.

Verstappen kept his composure on a treacherous track to clinch his second victory this season and seventh of his Red Bull career, topping a surprise podium ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel — who started from last — and Toro Rosso driver Daniil Kvyat.

## Brisco holds off Bell

NEWTON, Iowa — Chase Briscoe passed Christopher Bell with seven laps to go and won the NASCAR Xfinity race at Iowa Speedway on Saturday night for his first victory of the year.

Briscoe's only other Xfinity victory came last season on Charlotte's roval. Briscoe's No. 98 Ford had been close all season, posting seven top-five finishes and 13 top-10s, but the 24-year-old Stewart-Haas driver finally broke through with a victory that felt like vindication.

"It's nice, for sure, to finally silence everybody," Briscoe said. "We definitely still aren't near where we need to be, but I feel like we've been way closer, these past couple of weeks especially."

## NFL

# History: Displaying hall's 'massive' collection can be a challenge

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some great moments that occur ... that you can plan for it."

Some NFL records, such as Tennessee running back Derrick Henry matching the longest touchdown run at 99 yards last December, mean a quick email to the team asking for an item to commemorate the moment. Henry and the Titans sent his No. 22 jersey, just one of approximately 50 significant moments in the 2018 season marked by the hall.

"The great part of a football uniform, there's lots of pieces and parts," Choudhry told The Associated Press.

Displaying all those items is both the task and challenge of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the museum for a game in which the NFL enters its 100th season this fall with the hall history and records made regularly. Since opening in 1963 in Canton, Ohio, the hall just keeps growing, with a now 135,000-square foot building still not enough space to display all the jerseys, helmets, balls, gloves, Super Bowl rings and, of course, Hall of Fame busts.

"We have a massive exhibit area but have probably close to 97% of the information, documentation and artifacts that we preserve here not on display," archivist Jon Kendle said.

The Hall of Fame has more than 40 million pages of documents, including one showing the birth of pro football in 1892 in Pennsylvania with a \$500 payment by a team called the Allegheny Athletic Association to play in a game against a big rival. It was found in a closet of the Pittsburgh Steelers. There are more than six million photos in a collection that keeps growing.

As a museum, the hall's mission includes preserving the history of pro football and the game's big moments. And yes, officials know exactly where every piece is, especially those in storage; everything is catalogued and accessible.

"We constantly are plucking things in and out from our collection to feature in an exhibit if we're developing something, or in a traveling exhibit, or as we continually refresh our exhibits in the hall itself," Choudhry said.

Preservation comes first. An item such



SCOTT HECKEL, THE CANTON REPOSITORY/AP

The Vince Lombardi Trophy is delivered to the Pro Football Hall of Fame by a representative of Brinks in Canton, Ohio. Approximately 250,000 visitors tour the hall annually. Small groups can go behind the scenes touring the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Pro Football Research & Preservation Center with an archivist.

as a leather helmet that may be more than 75 years old might need to be stored in a box away from light and avoid being put on display for the 363 days the hall is open each year; it's closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Or a jersey that's been on display for a couple of years could need some time to simply rest on a shelf.

"We're fortunate enough that we have several Johnny Unitas jerseys, so we could just swap it out for another, or we showcase another player that we'd like to bring into the limelight," Choudhry said.

Approximately 250,000 visitors tour the hall annually, a group that includes rookies from the Cleveland Browns and

Philadelphia Eagles this year alone. Small groups can go behind the scenes touring the Ralph Wilson Jr. Pro Football Research and Preservation Center with an archivist.

An additional 700,000 are expected to attend at least one of the events at this year's enshrinement ceremonies, which feature a new locker exhibit with items from the inductees, such as two Super Bowl commemorative jackets owned by the late Broncos owner Pat Bowlen. Or Tony Gonzalez's Kansas City Chiefs jersey worn Jan. 1, 2005, when he broke the NFL record for most catches in a season by a tight end.

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Jon Kendle

Pro Football Hall of Fame archivist

Gonzalez has been to the hall four times, including for the inductions of Warren Moon, Marcus Allen and Michael Strahan. The coolest place? The Hall of Fame gallery with all the busts where no music is piped in and voices stay low as if in a church.

"When you walk in there and see all the busts with the stories underneath, that's the goose bumps," Gonzalez said. "That's the 'Oh my God, this is where it's at.' And to be sitting there when I was younger and I went to Warren's or Marcus', I didn't even let my mind go there because I knew getting wrapped up in the future is not going to help me now. When I think of my family, my mom, I can't wait for them to see that part of it."

Other galleries at the museum include one on the NFL's first century, the Game For Life holographic theater detailing the values football helps build and featuring stories of Jim Kelly's fight against cancer, and the Lamar Hunt Super Bowl area highlighted by Super Bowl rings and a Lombardi Trophy, perfect for photos.

Items also are featured in smaller exhibits around the hall, shared with teams for events, and in exhibits sent around the country. A 6,000 square-foot exhibit showcasing the best of the Hall of Fame has been touring the country since 2012 and will open next in September in Miami, where it will remain through the Super Bowl in February. The hall also has a showcase at the draft and each season's kickoff celebration, including Sept. 5 before Green Bay opens in Chicago.

"The story never ends," Choudhry said.

## Cowboys' Witten: 'Talk to me in a month' about Elliott saga

By SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Ezekiel Elliott's contract hold-out doesn't face the player who has been around Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones longer than anyone else on the roster — even after taking a year off.

Jason Witten said "talk to me in a month" when the tight end was asked Saturday if Elliott's absence was casting a cloud over the high expectations for a franchise trying to get past the divisional round of the playoffs for the first time in nearly a quarter-century.

The 37-year-old Witten is back for a 16th season after the franchise leader in catches and yards receiving spent a year as a broadcaster.

Elliott wants a new contract despite having two years remaining on his existing deal. The two-time NFL rushing champion skipped reporting day and still wasn't around Saturday for the first practice.

"My experience has been those things, around here anyway, those things usually work out," Witten

said. "Zeke loves playing. He's like a little kid the way he kind of approaches it and has fun. Talk to me in a month I guess if that was an issue if he wasn't there."

Despite his year away, Witten is sliding right back into a leadership role as he prepares to set the franchise record for seasons. While he understands his secondary role to the young trio of Elliott, quarterback Dak Prescott and receiver Amari Cooper, Witten's words still resonate.

The 11-time Pro Bowler said the leaders and coaches have done a solid job addressing Elliott's absence.

"And Mr. Jones spoke to the team," Witten said. "He talked about taking advantage of opportunities and controlling things that you can control. I think for all players you have to be able to focus on what's happening right in front of you and know those things are going on."

Fourth-year back Darius Jackson is running with the first team with Elliott out. Jackson was a sixth-round pick the year the Cowboys drafted Elliott fourth overall in 2016.

Jackson is the only running back on the roster with NFL experience. He had six carries for 16 yards in a meaningless regular-season finale last season when the Cowboys had already wrapped up the NFC East title and Elliott didn't play.



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MLB

# A's end streak with testy win over Rangers

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers manager Chris Woodward insists reliever Rafael Montero wasn't intentionally trying to plunk Ramon Laureano with a pitch two innings after the Oakland hitter took a slow home run trot.

Laureano isn't so certain. "The pitching coach (Julio Rangel) went over there two pitches before so that's a little suspicious," Laureano said after the Athletics posted a testy 5-4 win over Texas on Saturday night. "But hey, it is what it is. Just keep playing ball. We got the win."

Matt Chapman hit his 23rd home run, Marcus Semien and Mark Canha also homered for Oakland. Homer Bailey pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning as the A's ended a three-game losing streak.

Laureano's trot after hitting a towering homer off starter Adrian Sampson in the third stirred strong feelings between the two clubs stemming from an incident in June. As Sampson came off the mound and yelled this time, Laureano pointed to his bat, then headed toward first.

"I guess that's what they do here, look at

their homers too long," Sampson said. "I don't believe it belongs in this game and I let him know."

Umpires eventually stepped in as the two continued to exchange words, and plate ump Sean Barber warned both teams.

Things got more heated two innings later and both dugouts emptied after Laureano was hit by a pitch from Montero. Barber ejected Woodward and Montero.

Woodward said he sent Rangel out to get Montero to slow down his delivery before the reliever hit Laureano.

"We have a runner at first with two outs, the last thing we thought about was trying to hit him right there," Woodward said. "Laureano plays really hard and he's very passionate. A lot of times that passion comes out in ways that will maybe annoy the other team. We have a few guys like that."

It was similar to an incident in June when Sampson took exception to Canha taking his time running after hitting a home run, calling it disrespectful. Laureano accused Sampson of purposely stepping on his bat in the same game after retiring Laureano on an inning-ending play.

Laureano's message to Sampson this time?

"I let him know, 'You remember when you stepped on my bat, so you can step on it again,'" Laureano said.

Bailey (9-7) was winless and had a 10.13 ERA in two starts against Texas earlier this season while still with Kansas City. The right-hander was more effective in an Oakland uniform, allowing three runs and seven hits in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. Bailey struck out seven and walked one.

"The stuff today was the guy we were looking for," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "Just one pitch, the split that just didn't quite get down to (Danny) Santana. Other than that he was fantastic."

Liam Hendriks gave up a two-out single in the ninth but struck out Willie Calhoun for his ninth save.

Santana hit a two-run triple for Texas.

The Rangers trailed 5-0 before stringing together five consecutive hits in a four-run seventh. The inning ended when Elvis Andrus was thrown out trying to score from second by right fielder Chad Pinder.

Sampson (6-8) gave up five runs and six hits in six innings.



BEN MAROIT/AP

The A's Ramon Laureano, left, reacts after being hit by a pitch thrown by the Rangers' Rafael Montero in the eighth inning Saturday in Oakland, Calif. At right is Rangers catcher Jeff Mathis.

## Roundup

# Yelich HR sets up Hiura's winner against Cubs

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Thanks to Christian Yelich and Keston Hiura, the first round of anticipated matchups with recently acquired Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel went decidedly in favor of the Milwaukee Brewers.

Yelich and Hiura hit home runs in the 10th inning off Kimbrel to rally the Brewers past Chicago 5-3 on Saturday night, the Brewers' second consecutive comeback win over the Cubs.

Yelich opened the 10th with his major league-leading 36th homer, tying it at 3. Pinch-hitter Tyler Saladino drew a walk from Kimbrel (0-2) and Hiura followed with his 11th homer, driving a breaking ball the opposite way for his first career walk-off.

"He's a tremendous pitcher as he's proven throughout his career. Once the Cubs signed him, we knew that we were going to get a lot of him," Hiura said of Kimbrel. "He got me in a hole and I was just trying put the ball in play, but able to put the barrel on it."

Hiura, the Brewers' first-round draft choice in 2017, had five homers during his first 17 game stint with the Brewers, and his hit six since being called up again on June 28 — one day after the Cubs called up Kimbrel, who was signed as a free agent in early June.

"We came back, they snatched it back and we had a great 10th off Kimbrel and that's not easy to do," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "I thought it was great. Keston's ball was an absolute laser. That was a breaking ball that was an absolute laser. You don't see a breaking ball hit like that. It shows you how special



JEFFREY PHELPS/AP

The Brewers' Keston Hiura reacts after his winning two-run home run during the 10th inning Saturday against the Cubs in Milwaukee.

he is."

The Brewers and Cubs are one game behind the NL Central-leading Cardinals.

"Craig had a tough night tonight," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "They got a bouncer down the first-base line that ties it up, but that happens. We come back. We hold serve, hit a homer and they beat us. That's called baseball, man. It just happened to night against us. I'm not going to sit here and hammer any of my guys."

Hiura grounded a tying double in the eighth when the Brewers erased a 2-0 deficit. Ben Gamel opened the inning with a pinch-hit homer off Steve Cishek, Lorenzo Cain followed with a double and scored on Hiura's double. Albert Almora Jr. had put the Cubs up 3-2 when he opened

the top of the 10th with his 11th homer, connecting against Freddy Peralta (5-3).

The Cubs wasted a superb outing by Jon Lester, making his 40th career start, who allowed just four singles over seven scoreless innings.

Red Sox 9, Yankees 5: J.D. Martinez and Andrew Benintendi homered as the Boston Red Sox again hit balls all over and out of Fenway Park.

The Red Sox have outscored the Yankees 38-13 to win the first three of a four-game set. This was the sixth straight game Boston has scored eight or more runs against the Yankees, the first time in the clubs' 117-year rivalry.

Benintendi had three hits and scored three times, and Rafael Devers added three hits and scored twice for the Boston.

Gio Usherale went 4-for-4 with a solo homer and RBI single for New York. The Yankees have lost three straight for the first time since June 11-14.

Dodgers 9, Nationals 3: Rookie catcher Will Smith homered and drove in six runs, leading Clayton Kershaw and Los Angeles over host Washington.

Playing in his 10th major league game, Smith homered in the third inning, hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth, doubled home a run in the sixth, and broke the game open in the seventh with a bases-loaded double off the wall in left-center.

Blue Jays 10, Rays 9 (12): Teoscar Hernandez led off the 12th inning with a home run and host Toronto completed a comeback from a seven-run deficit to beat Tampa Bay.

Hernandez connected off Emilio Pagan (2-2) for his second solo homer of the game. Hernandez also went back-to-back with Brandon Drury in the eighth.

Mariners 8, Tigers 1: Ryan Court drove in three runs in his first big league start, rookie Austin Nola also had three RBIs and host Seattle beat Detroit.

Braves 15, Phillies 7: Ozzie Albies hit a grand slam, Ronald Acuna Jr., Ender Inciarte and Adam Duvall also homered and Atlanta routed host Philadelphia.

The Braves pounded struggling righty Zach Eflin (7-11) for 10 runs in less than three innings.

Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 2: Nick Ahmed hit a grand slam and an RBI double in leading Arizona past host Miami.

Ahmed's homer off starter Jordan Yamamoto highlighted a six-run fourth inning.

Reds 3, Rockies 1: Eugenio

Suarez hit a two-run homer, Josh VanMeter added a solo shot, and host Cincinnati beat Colorado.

Mets 3, Pirates 0: Steven Matz threw an efficient five-hitter for his first complete game in 90 major league starts, and host New York got home runs from Michael Conforto and J.D. Davis in a win over struggling Pittsburgh.

Astros 8, Cardinals 2: Carlos Correa hit his first career grand slam and Houston withstood yet another home run by Paul Goldschmidt in beating host St. Louis.

Indians 9, Royals 1: Jason Kipnis hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Cleveland's Mike Clevinger struck out seven and remained perfect against host Kansas City.

White Sox 5, Twins 1: Yoan Moncada homered, Ivan Nova threw two-hit ball through six innings and host Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over Minnesota.

Padres 5, Giants 1: Rookie Fernando Tatis Jr. hit a two-run home run one pitch after diving out of the way of a knuckdown pitch in the fifth inning and host San Diego snapped an eight-game home losing streak with a win over San Francisco.

Orioles 8, Angels 7: Hanser Alberto put Baltimore ahead with a two-run single in the eighth inning and the visiting Orioles set a major league record with multiple home runs in their 10th straight game.

Pedro Severino and Jonathan Villar homered for Baltimore, whose 1987 and 1996 teams were among the other five clubs to hit at least two homers in nine straight games.

## MMA/GYMNASTICS

## Holloway, Cyborg win at UFC 240

Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Reigning featherweight champ Max Holloway defended his belt Saturday, overwhelming former lightweight champ Frankie Edgar at UFC 240.

Holloway (21-4-0) won a unanimous five-round decision.

The 27-year-old Hawaiian kept Edgar at a distance throughout the fight, stinging him with jabs and uppercuts in the first round and bloodying his nose in the second.

Holloway resisted all but one attempt by Edgar (22-7-1) to take him down, and said he was proud to be able to go the distance.

"Everybody said I wouldn't be able to stay with this pace. I wanted to be able to stay for five rounds," Holloway said.

Holloway has never lost in the featherweight category. He was coming off a lightweight division loss to Dustin Poirier in April, his first loss in five years.

It was one of two headline fights.

In the other headline bout, Bra-

zilian MMA legend Cris Cyborg pummeled Montreal's Felicia Spencer with punches, leg kicks and knee shots to win a unanimous decision.

Cyborg (21-2, 1 NC), with blood spilling down her face from taking an elbow in the first round, pounded Spencer and deflected multiple attacks to put her in a clinch or take her down in the women's featherweight fight.

Spencer (7-1) had the crowd cheering as she withstood the assault and launched a few counterstrikes, her white shirt stained red with Cyborg's blood.

"I trained really hard. Thanks to Felicia for giving me my first cut. I'm happy. I just want to come back and do my job. Thank you, God. I feel very blessed to be here," Cyborg said.

The 34-year-old Cyborg is trying to rebuild her brand after coming off a loss to Amanda Nunes in a featherweight championship fight in December, Cyborg's first defeat in five years.

This was the last fight on her UFC contract.



JASON FRANSON, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Max Holloway, right, punches Frankie Edgar during a mixed martial arts bout at UFC 240, in Edmonton, Alberta, on Saturday. Holloway defended his featherweight belt a unanimous decision.

## Hurd sets example for athletes who wear glasses

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Morgan Hurd is such an inspiration for young American gymnasts — and anyone who wears eyeglasses and practices sports — that some have dressed up in leotards and her trademark glasses for Halloween.

The costume surprised her because the 2017 all-around world champion and Tokyo 2020 Olympic hopeful still feels like any other 18-year-old.

"Honestly, it feels kind of crazy because I still think of myself as almost no one — I'm just me," Hurd told The Associated Press. "When people ask me for my autograph, I go like, 'wow! Why would they do that?' But I'm glad that I can inspire a generation, and I hope that I can be a good role model for them."

All eyes seemed to be on Hurd at the Pan American Games during her Saturday debut, where her performance contributed to the U.S. team's gold medal, although she failed to advance to the all-around and individual finals.

"It definitely wasn't my best competition, and I'm a bit disappointed at myself, but I'm glad that I can contribute even slightly to team USA, and moving forward, I'm just going to go back to the gym and work even harder."

The U.S. won its fifth-consecutive women's team gold title at the Pan Am Games at an arena packed with local fans waiving red, white and blue flags and loudly cheered on the hosts.



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Morgan Hurd of the U.S. competes on floor in the women's gymnastics qualification and team final at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, on Saturday.

"Even though they just came from a national meet in America, it's different when you're in an international meet, especially with a lot of good countries. The crowd was really in favor of Peru, which was exciting. There was a lot of energy," said Thomas Forster, the national performance team coordinator.

"I was a bit surprised that (Morgan) felt some nerves be-

cause she has good experience, but all athletes do. So, it was a good opportunity for her to learn how to manage it. It was good overall. I'm glad that they hit all 16 routines. That was the hope."

The members of the U.S. team who advanced to the all-around and individual event finals included: all-around, Riley McCusker and Kara Eaker; vault, Aleah Finnegan; uneven bars,

McCusker and Leanne Wong; and balance beam and floor exercise, McCusker and Eaker. The Americans posted a team score of 171.00 in winning Saturday, ahead of Canada, the silver medalist, and Brazil, which won the bronze.

"It feels amazing. We have a very nice and hard working group. To do so well is just great," said McCusker, who led the U.S.

**'I hope that I can be a good role model for them.'**

Morgan Hurd  
US gymnast

team to the victory with a first place in the all-around.

Hurd recently won the parallel bars at the U.S. Classic. She also won the 2017 world championship, while Simone Biles took a long-derailed break, and finished third behind her in 2018. Her only goal now is to win an Olympic medal in Tokyo next year.

"The strength that she has is that she's a good team leader and we know that she's gonna hit," Forster said. "The weaknesses that she has are making sure that all the little things are connected in a routine — but she'll fix those."

Growing up, Hurd faced uncomfortable questions, and in her words, "stuck out like a sore thumb" as one of the few gymnasts to compete with glasses. But she wants to set an example and change that for good.

"There's a lot more now, I will say that, but before, even when I was younger, there was hardly any high-level athlete who wore glasses," she said. "I know there are a lot of parents out there telling their kids, 'you can't do gymnastics or any sport really with your glasses, you need get contacts.' But contacts aren't just for everyone."

## SWIMMING/BASKETBALL

## Dressel tops Phelps' mark with 8th medal

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

GWANGJU, South Korea — This time, Caeleb Dressel stands alone.

The American won his record eighth medal at the world swimming championships Sunday, helping the U.S. to silver in the 4x100-meter medley relay over anchor Nathan Adrian got overtaken for gold in the closing meters.

"Part of me is very happy," Dressel said. "Part of me wants to cry that I'm done with it. I've got pimples on my face from just the stress of the meet. I'm probably losing some hair."

One night after becoming the first swimmer to win three golds in one night at a world's for the second time, Dressel's haul included six golds at the biggest meet after the Olympics.

"It was a very tough week," he said. "I knew I was going to have to come with fire, passion and pride in every single race."

Two years ago in Hungary, Dressel tied Michael Phelps' record of seven golds at a single

worlds, including three in one night.

Dressel hauled the U.S. from fourth to first on his butterfly leg with a split of 49.28 seconds. Adrian found himself in a three-way fight with Britain and Russia coming down the stretch.

Brit Duncan Scott surged ahead approaching the wall and got there first with a split of 46.14 to Adrian's 47.60.

"That last 15 meters, it's tough," Adrian said. "I was trying to be strong, I was trying to hold on, but this time I couldn't do it."

Luke Greenbank, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Scott took gold for Britain in 3 minutes, 28.10 seconds.

Ryan Murphy, Adrian Wilson, Dressel and Adrian finished in 3:28.45. It was just the second silver, and first since 1998, in an event the Americans have won 13 times.

"There's a time to get silver in relays and it's at a world championships, that's for sure," Adrian said.

Russia earned bronze. Dressel's golds came in the 50 and 100 free, 50 and 100 butterfly, mixed 4x100 free relay and 4x100 free relay. His other silver was in the mixed 4x100 medley relay. He was named the FINA male swimmer of the meet.

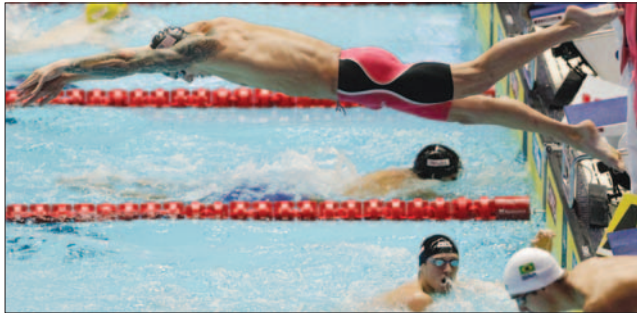
"He's a phenomenal talent," South Africa's Chad le Clos said. "He seems to get better throughout the days."

The U.S. team finished atop the medals table with 27, including a leading 14 golds.

Australia was second with 19 and five golds.

Simone Manuel completed a sweep of the 50 and 100 freestyles, the first American woman to achieve the feat. She won four golds and six medals overall in the eight-day competition.

She came back later to anchor the U.S. to an easy victory in the 4x100 medley relay. Regan Smith,



MARK SCHIFFELBEIN/AP

American Caeleb Dressel dives in to start his leg of the men's 4x100 meter medley relay final Sunday at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea. The U.S. finished second in the race.

Lilly King, Kelsi Dahlia and Manuel won in 3:50.40, lowering the mark of 3:51.55 set two years ago in Hungary.

Manuel outdid Australia's Cate Campbell on the final leg, with the Americans winning by 3.02 seconds.

Smith set a world record of 57.57 on her opening 100 backstroke leg. She won the 200 back to her record time, but didn't qualify in the individual 100 back.

"That really pumped us all up," Manuel said.

The Aussies settled for silver and Canada took bronze.

In the 50 free, Manuel raced one length of the pool in 24.05.

She held off Sarah Sjöström of Sweden, who took silver in 24.07, and Campbell, who earned bronze in 24.11.

In the 100 free, Manuel topped Campbell and Sjöström finished third.

Manuel's other medals came in relays: gold in the 4x100 medley and mixed 4x100 free, and silvers in the 4x100 free and 4x200 free.

Sjöström made a mark of her own. She became the first woman to win five medals in individual events at a single worlds. She won the 50 butterfly, silvers in the 100 fly and 50 free, and bronzes in the 100 free and 200 free, and earned FINA female swimmer of the meet.

Lilly King won the 50 breaststroke, giving the American two victories over Russian rival Yuliya Efimova.

They were denied a third meeting when King was disqualified in the heats of the 200 breast for putting both her hands on the wall at the same time in a turn.

King touched in 29.84, the only swimmer under 30 seconds in the final.

Benedetta Pilato, a 14-year-old Italian, earned a surprise silver in 30 seconds flat and reacted by crying.

Efimova, who won the 200 and finished second to King in the 100, settled for bronze in 30.15.

Katinika Hosszu of Hungary extended her domination of the

400 individual medley, becoming the first woman to win five titles in one event. She swam the four-stroke race in 4:30.39 seconds.

"I wanted to celebrate after the race, but I couldn't move my arms," an exhausted Hosszu said. Ye Shiwen of China took silver, just as she did behind Hosszu in the 200 IM. Yui Ohashi of Japan claimed bronze.

Japan's Daiya Seto survived a last-lap challenge to win the men's 400 IM in 4:08.95.

Jay Litherland of the U.S. had the fastest final lap — 27.89 — to chase Seto to the wall. Litherland took silver in 4:09.22. Lewis Clareburt of New Zealand earned bronze.

Florian Wellbrock of Germany made history with his victory in the 1,500 freestyle.

With his earlier win in the 10-kilometer open water race, Wellbrock became the first swimmer to win golds in two sports at a single world championships.

He pulled away going into the final turn to win in 14:36.54.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

American Simone Manuel poses with her gold medal following the 50m freestyle final Sunday.

## US expands women's training, will pay players

By DOUG FEINBERG  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi want their USA Basketball legacy to be more than just winning medals.

The four-time Olympic gold medalists came up with an idea for a training plan for USA Basketball leading up to next year's Tokyo Olympics that would help the Americans go for an unprecedented seventh consecutive title: USA Basketball, which usually trains together for short periods of time during a crowded calendar, would get a core group of eight players together for five training sessions over the next year. The players would be paid \$2,000 a day at each of the training camps and games leading up to the Olympics, with the chance to also earn bonuses.

USA Basketball loved the idea. The new training plan was announced on Saturday before the All-Star Game, with Bird, Taurasi, USA Basketball coach Dawn Staley

and national team director Carol Callan in attendance.

"I think as you get closer to the end of your time, you understand you can 100% have an impact as a player. Go out there and move the needle on the court with your play and winning, but there are other ways that I would like to have an impact and one would be this," Bird said. "Getting paid gives players, who want the option, to stay at home and not go overseas in the winter."

Joining Bird and Taurasi for the training segments as part of the core group are Sylvia Fowles, Elena Delle Donne, Nneka Ogwumike, A'ja Wilson, Skylar Diggins-Smith and Chelsea Gray. The U.S. will also have a fluid group of players from the national team training pool join the core group.

Many of the U.S. players, including Bird and Taurasi, have played in the winter overseas, where they have been paid potentially 10 times their WNBA salaries.

Finding time to train with USA Basketball has been difficult because of the overseas schedules and the WNBA schedule. If the players are paid by USA Basketball, they have more of a reason to stay here.

They can earn roughly \$100,000 for participating in all the training sessions.

"It's legitimate, they knew they had to do it that way," said Ogwumike, who has played in Russia and China in the winter. "That investment is what the players want. It's quite amazing to afford that type of opportunity. Not just the investment in us, but the strategic nature of hitting different markets. We'll have traveling tournaments."

"I was in a moment where I played a half-season in China. Don't know if I can go overseas again. I have so much available to me here, it would benefit me not to go overseas. For them to put that investment in, that's huge."

The U.S. will get together in late September for the FIBA America's Cup. The

Americans will then get together in November and February to train and play in FIBA Olympic qualifying tournaments. The U.S. already has qualified for the Tokyo Games by winning the World Cup last fall. The Americans will also play exhibition games against college teams to train in the fall and winter.

"Our three priorities are to train and prepare for the Olympics, amplify the profile of the women's national team and raise the profile of women's basketball as a whole by using the best players in the world," USA Basketball CEO Jim Tooley told The Associated Press. "Besides training they'll be auxiliary events around our training. We'll do some clinics for Boys & Girls clubs to spread the gospel of the women's national team."

Tooley said the training idea is a smaller version of what the U.S. did in 1995-96 that kicked off its run of success.

"That's when our amazing run started," he said. "It's like bookends almost."



## SPORTS



## Pool haul

Dressel tops Phelps' record with eighth medal » **Swimming, Page 31**



AP photos

**Top:** The Dallas Cowboys' La'el Collins takes a selfie in the gallery during a visit to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.  
**Above:** Workers make adjustments to the display commemorating Saints quarterback Drew Brees' career passing yards record.

# Living history

## Pro Football Hall collection grows as history, records made annually

By TERESA M. WALKER  
 Associated Press

**V**isitors to the Pro Football Hall of Fame can see both the football Drew Brees threw in becoming the NFL's all-time passing yards leader and the uniform the Saints quarterback wore while making history.

Hall of Fame officials had been monitoring Brees' chase of Peyton Manning's record, hoping the quarterback would set the mark Oct. 8 at home in New Orleans. Brees did just that before

halftime — with a touchdown no less — allowing the game to be stopped. Brees walked to the sideline and handed the ball to David Baker, the hall's president and chief executive officer.

"It was perfect," said Saleem Choudhry, vice president of exhibits and museum services. "He threw a 62-yard touchdown and eclipsed a record. We stopped the game. He comes over, shakes David's hand, hands him the ball. It was a very unique moment. I just kick myself sometimes that I was right down there to observe that, but those are

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